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On the Ideology of the Heavenly Father



What follows is from Rev. Kwak's talk at Hannam-dong on September 1, the day after the anniversary of the Ceremony of the Settlement of the Eight Stages.

Before Father taught something, he would establish difficult indemnity conditions while following the substantial course of the vertical and horizontal eight stages. Indemnity conditions are normally set in order for one to be free from Satan's accusations. In True Father's case, though, there was nothing that Satan had that could be used against Father to force him to go through such hardships under Satan. For the sake of humankind, he was setting conditions, on the foundation of which he was in a position to bring salvation to all humanity. That is why he had to follow such a suffering path. Heaven could not deal with the people of the world, because they were the enemy—not just an ordinary enemy but an enemy of the lineage. All fallen people were stains on the lineage and had become enemies of the lineage. The best that the heavenly side could do in the initial stages was to raise humanity to the position of the servant of servants. At that level, humanity was subordinate to servants, we could not directly relate to the master; we could only gaze at the Lord through the servant that was our superior. Therefore, in terms of the level of heart, this was the restoration of the first and most rudimentary stage.

When we consider the Ceremony of the Settlement of the Eight Stages [팔정식], we usually think about the course of going from being a servant of servants to being an adopted child. Yet, each of these concepts or expressions did not simply emerge; they came about because the True Parent actually went through the difficulties and established all the conditions from the position of the enemy to that of servant of servants, traveling the path of hardships on behalf of fallen humankind. He is the king of kings and will exist eternally as our father. Yet he put aside all that and stood as the enemy, who could never stand before the master, and set sincere conditions with blood and tears to pay the indemnity of being a servant of servants.

The next stage was that of the position of a servant. He was God's son and God's body in substance, who could directly relate to the master and receive the master's instructions. Yet, he put these positions aside, endured life-or-death situations in order to establish the indemnity condition of being a servant of servants, then rose to the position of a servant, where he could be called by and relate to God. He then reached the stage of the adopted son. An adopted child has the right to inherit, whereas a servant does not, though both relate to the master. That was tremendous progress in itself. So he reached the stage of the adopted child. The next stage was that of a child by a concubine. This stage is where he becomes connected by blood, by lineage, to one side. After this stage, he moves on to the stage of a child of the direct lineage, then the stage of the mother, the father and all the way to God, making it eight stages. The vertical eight stages were needed to re-create one man. Going through them was inevitable within Satan's realm of dominion.

The vertical eight stages are but one set of stages, yet they are profound in their course. True Parents have also walked the course to establish the horizontal eight stages. If human beings had not fallen, they would have perfected themselves to become God's children, established ideal families, become true husband and wife, had true children, and become true parents. With that family at the center, a nation, people, and heaven and earth would have become an ideal and perfect world.

Yet, the first ancestors failed, and the enemy has prospered. The heavenly side did not have a foothold upon which the son, who could directly relate to God, could stand. That is why Father established indemnity conditions through his blood and tears, as he gained victory through the vertical eight stages. At the same time, he was compelled to lay the horizontal foundations stage-by-stage since the world, nations and tribes did not emerge at once. Nobody among fallen humankind could ever imagine such a feat; no religious founder had ever mentioned about this. Yet, since Father

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HOLY WEDDING



Following the banquet celebrating the Blessing Ceremony for his grandchildren on August 28, 2006, Father spoke to the couples and assembled guests. The following is the translated transcript of his remarks, which have been edited for Today's World.

Time has flown by on this important day. What time is it already? It's half past two. I'd like to talk about a few crucial points to do with this event. The Fall, on account of which God drove Adam and Eve out, meant that the family God desired was not formed. Neither the man nor the woman had understood that they were to become husband and wife by marrying the other, so they failed to prepare for that. The Fall was a road followed by the woman and the man at the end of which two people could not become one. In short, their wedding ceremony did not take place. Do you understand? Without holding a wedding ceremony, a family cannot be formed.

In a family there must be a four-position foundation, that is, the grandfather and grandmother, father and mother, and husband and wife. Only when there are four generations can the family bear fruit. That is how the four-position foundation works. This is the formation stage. The grandmother and grandfather are at the top, the mother and father in the middle, and then the individual and his marriage partner. Only on the foundation of a family with the three levels united as one can a fourth generation be born; only then can the seed of grandfather and grandmother, the seed of father and mother, and the seed of the third generation—the individual I'm speaking of and his marriage partner—all bear fruit in the fourth generation. These four generations all come together in one family, and that family could be yours. A grandfather's love, a grandmother's love, a mother and father's love, and a husband and wife's love all unite as one and bear fruit, which is the fruit of the bloodline.

The world does not realize how precious the bloodline is. The sons and daughters who can receive the grandfather and

grandmother's love, the sons and daughters who can receive the mother and father's love and the sons and daughters who can receive a husband or wife's love make up the four generations of a family.

What is the fourth generation? It contains the seed of the grandfather and grandmother's love, the seed of the mother and father's love, and the seed of the husband and wife's love. In other words, the fourth generation bears the fruit of the three preceding generations. So, if there is a family spanning four generations, they would all live together forever. Relatives to the sixth degree of consanguinity¹ would be included in the four generations. The first three generations include those to the fourth degree of consanguinity. The husband and wife would be one generation and the father and mother the generation above them; at the same time it would include to the third degree of consanguinity from them. Therefore the whole family, including uncles and cousins and even relatives further removed, should have all lived together in one house as one great family. This did not come to pass, however. That is why in order for a seed to exist, it needs to contain—in the generation of the mother and father—the grandfather and grandmother's love, as well as the Old Testament Age, the formation stage; the New Testament Age, the growth stage; and the Completed Testament Age, the perfection stage.

Only on the foundation of family, whereon the three generations are in complete union and produce the seed, can the spirit world and physical world, the world in heaven, the world on earth and the family all live in peace. Otherwise, without a common seed, there can be no peace. Grandfathers and grandmothers fight, don't they?

¹ In Korea the closeness of blood ties are denoted by a number that expresses the number of steps between two people related by blood. For example, a first cousin is called a 4-*chon* because the link is you, your parent, your parent's brother or sister and their son or daughter (your cousin), four people in the chain.



The True Family after the Blessing Ceremony

A grandmother even fights with herself, and a grandfather even fights within himself. God cannot stay where fighting is going on. Know this clearly, and remember it: Those who are engaged in fighting cannot bring God to dwell with them, or be with them, so they can neither establish the kingdom of heaven nor enter it.

Is that clear? The family of the kingdom of God cannot settle down amongst people and groups who fight. Raise your hands if you don't understand. If you don't understand this, you are nothing but scoundrels and should be rooted out. In this way, the love of the three generations—the grandfather and grandmother, father and mother, and one's self—should be brought to fruition. Only then can they be connected to where God's family is, and centering upon God, the lord of the fundamental love of all humanity, the bloodline can be connected from the grandfather to the father and mother, the third generation and the fourth generation. You should realize that God was never able to embrace His grandsons and granddaughters in His bosom and love them.

In this satanic world, everyone has grandsons and granddaughters don't they? Well, do you have them, or don't you? [We do.] That's the problem. Everything is broken down. Then what is the problem here? All because the bloodline was not connected. Repeat after me: 핏줄. [Pitjul.] What is it in Japanese? [血統] Getto. And in English it is "bloodline". Those whose bloodlines were severed have nothing to do with heaven or the kingdom of God.² Wait until you die and see whether I've taught you what I don't know. I am teaching you only what I clearly understand.

Then you realize that if your grandfather and grandmother fight in your family, God will leave, don't you? This is the framework of the four-position foundation. They are united based on this center. From here springs every type of Eastern

² "Their bloodline was severed" is common Korean parlance referring to childless couples or those whose children failed to produce grandchildren. When used by Father it likely includes those whose children or grandchildren all rejected the blessing.

philosophy, no matter what it may be. You must know this. Now then, those who do not leave behind them a lineage in union with the realm of heart of the four-position foundation, based on three generations that have fulfilled the four-position foundation, will have no connection with the kingdom of heaven, and thus will not be able to become its citizens.

Christians say, "Believe and you will be saved." That is so unreasonable....They should believe after they have learned what it would be like to be in the original position of perfection before the Fall, but here they are saying that if you believe, without giving any reason for it, you will be saved. And they claimed to be orthodox. They have opposed the Unification Church until now.

In the case where someone encourages a fight, it shows that God is not there. Do you understand? [Yes.] If you had not received the blessing today, in all likelihood you would not go to the kingdom of heaven. Why? What the Unification Church is doing in advocating that we should go to the kingdom of heaven is breaking down the barriers that cause the conflict between body and mind.

God cannot stay where a grandfather and grandmother are constantly fighting. Your grandmother's body and mind are in conflict. Are they in conflict or not? Because you have now been enlightened about this fact, you should unite your mind and body and rectify the results of the battle between your grandfather and grandmother. From the time they married, grandfathers and grandmothers have been fighting. And yet they are serving the great grandparents centering on the grandfather; all are fighting with each other and the place is a battleground.

Godly families cannot stay in such a place. By this logic, it follows that the kingdom of heaven remains unoccupied. Do you understand?

Why do we need three generations at this point? From a perspective based on the three generations, at the time of Adam's family they failed to begin the twelve tribes. Jacob began them later. Though Jacob tried to find the nation center-



After the Blessing Ceremony, Rev. Katsumi Otsuka and his wife Taeko, their son Hiroataka nim, his wife Shin-sook nim, her mother Dong-sook nim and grandfather Rev. Kim Won-pil

ing on the realm of the chosen people, the Israelites, he failed. Since the family was lost, the only way to recover it was by restoring the nation. With the nation lost, did Jesus ever have a family of his own? Did he? Why did he come to earth? Was he crazy? If he had formed a family, given birth to sons and daughters, the world would have developed into the kingdom of God. Did Jesus have sons and daughters? His bloodline did not continue.

Only those whose bloodline is connected to God can enter the kingdom of heaven through it. Without it, they can't. There has not been a family, or nation that knew this and prepared accordingly. Unless the nation is united, it cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. Hence, there is no nation as yet that can enter it. From now on, then, you should attach great importance to the Unification Church blessing, through which you are to stop and resolve the fight between body and mind. You must bear this in mind. Since the body, mind and the bloodline were defiled, and those that are connected to the bloodline of Satan cannot help but fight, you must cleanse yourselves to such an extent that such a tendency can never be found in you. Do you understand? [Yes.] Otherwise, no matter how good you are, you cannot go to the kingdom of heaven. If you ever set foot inside, I would beat you out of there.

We should go to the kingdom of heaven based on having a family that does not fight.

God cannot be the owner of heaven and earth if it is overflowing with conflicts. Peace and unity begin from within the individual. Men and women, with minds and bodies of their own, should become one in union through marriage. Even if they are united, if the sons and daughters they give birth to fight with them, that family could not be a family of the kingdom of heaven.

Centering on the tribe, the leader of the group, if the many families in this world fail to become one, they cannot be a part of the heavenly world. We need to clear the five stages of the individual era, family era, tribal era, national era, and racial era. This is all based on a logical interpretation, and when we form a nation on the basis of it, that nation would be one free from fights. Thus the kingdom of God would be established

on earth. What would happen if we couldn't establish the kingdom of God on earth? The heavenly world is like a storehouse for crops. Do you think we could go into it or not?

What is the first point? God cannot dwell where there are fights. Do you understand? Why? The family bloodline was changed. What was lost in Adam's family was the bloodline, and between the brothers, Cain and Abel, the elder one was born with the fallen bloodline and knew that the younger one would bring back something that was lost, so he killed him. The path of history must be restored to God.

What comes next is the right of ownership. You all try to become wealthy and get on in the world, so you think it a great honor to become government officials and join political parties and fight others. Do you think God could dwell in such an atmosphere? All this wickedness would in the end be left without an owner. Its owner would no longer exist. Where is the owner of the individual, the owner of family, the owner of tribe, the owner of nation, the owner of the state? He is not there. He cannot be found in all of heaven and earth. Why? It is because the entire world is one big zone of fighting. To bring

it together as one, in peace, and thus unite it into one with the start of the peaceful history of God, if one family turns out well, the realm of four generations from that family can be the heavenly seed, centering on the three-generations paying indemnity.

The first thing to be achieved is the restoration of the lineage. Second is the situation of Cain and Abel, because the history of the two was reversed. That is why religion and state have been in conflict; the state is on Cain's side and religion on Abel's side. It has been governments that have continued fight after fight, using blood as its tool throughout history. At this time, centering on cosmic peace and unification, the Unification Church has built Cheon Jeong Peace Palace here at Cheongpyeong, within Korea. It has its own constitution and laws.

What is this new nation? Who am I? Centering on this one nation, I am the Savior, the Messiah, who has appeared on earth to become the lord of peace and stop the conflict between body and mind, between husband and wife, between races, and between worlds. When the Israelites were elected the chosen people it was not intended that they fight with the Arabs. There cannot be peace where there is fighting. That is why it is this man, Rev. Moon, who has taken responsibility to focus on the Arab realm and taking responsibility for the fight between South and North Korea.

And when it comes to global problems, I have now personally taken the lead to bring global conflict to an end, centered on the Bering Strait. Do you understand? Rev. Moon is the savior for everyone. [Applause]

What comes next is the Messiah. After the two—the conversion of lineage and the conversion of the right of ownership—are accomplished, people still do not know about the kingdom of God. It is the Unification Church, the church of unified religions, that teaches everything and informs everyone, from those in kindergarten up to PhDs, about the kingdom of God. That is why for freedom to be true freedom, there must be harmony. What would the use of freedom be when there is no harmony? Would someone who is alone need to be free? There must be harmony. Harmony cannot come about without unity. Only when all are united as one

can there be such a thing called happiness. And only when there is happiness can complete settlement and liberation take place. This is all logical.

You should understand all this, that first comes the restoration of lineage, second, the relationship of Cain and Abel, and third the restoration of the right of ownership based on happiness. We should enter the original kingdom of the liberation of all nations on earth and in heaven, under the direct dominion of God, settle down there completely, and become the owners of the realm of liberation and complete freedom. This is the ultimate purpose behind performing this Blessing Ceremony, and of the era of settlement. Do you understand? This was what was behind the failure of the Old Testament Age and the New Testament Age, and the failure to form the twelve tribes in Adam's family. That is why the twelve tribes were later formed at the time of Jacob.

Next, centering on the twelve tribes, 120 nations should have been established, but they were not. If Jesus had established the 120 nations, including the Roman Empire, a unified world would have been completed in Jesus' lifetime. Since you put your burden down and left it unfulfilled, Adam's era ended in failure and Jesus' era ended in failure.

In the era of the Second Coming, the Catholics and the Protestants were in the position of Cain and Abel, and as soon as the Unification Church made its appearance, both groups tried to kill it. They struck at us for forty years, but we survived. What is the righteousness that can put all this to rights? When two people become one, uniting under a common purpose, they become the starting point of the kingdom of God. To understand this, we first need to understand three major issues, the first being that of the lineage and the second being that of Cain and Abel. All peoples and all nations in the world are brothers and sisters. People should have married interculturally, but it all went wrong. They should have formed two parallel lines, but instead, they crossed each other.

You were to have married between cultures and nations. All the points of intersection should be placed within a circle, and centering on one such point, the individual era should develop into that of the family and so forth, up to the eighth stage, so that earth and heaven could be at right angles to each other and could revolve. If they are separate, the kingdom of heaven cannot be established.

You should realize that we are setting out on this day to construct the ideal foundation on which all I have related can come about, and receive the blessing. Without receiving the blessing, there is no way to engraft wild olive trees, such that they may bear the fruit of true olive trees. There is no way to connect the bloodline. Do you understand?

Among the relatives here, is there anyone who opposes the Unification Church? Is there anyone from God down to the fathers and mothers, the husbands and wives, and down to your peers who opposes the Unification Church? You should collect all who are opposed to our church, give them a kick and bring them to receive the blessing. Is that clear? [Yes.] If it is clear, from now on, you are in the position of the younger sibling of the Lord at his Second Coming who have received the blessing in the position of a younger sibling of True Parents, and thus have inherited the bloodline. So become



On September 12, the first anniversary of the founding of the Universal Peace Federation, True Father was awarded a Doctor Honoris Causa degree by the Universidad Santa Maria of Caracas, Venezuela. The degree was conferred by the university's vice-president, Dr. Carlos Enrique Pena, who explained, "When I learned about the life and work of Rev. Moon, I felt that it was the sacred duty of our university to offer our highest honor to recognize an extraordinary contribution to the field of human rights."

engrafted as quickly as possible.

Wait and see what happens to people who have served as national presidents. They are not the owners. The eight great Korean government regimes did all they could to eliminate me, but all they only helped to make me famous worldwide, since it was clear that I was working for Korea and the liberation of all nations. In such an age, and with the new supremacy of three generations, I am going to have everyone take part, and bequeath all this to all of you. True Parents have paid all the indemnity. It could not have been done by the three generations touring 180 nations of the world for a year.

What did I do wrong? I am an intelligent man, and I know all there is to know about religion and philosophy. Why then should I have to work while walking down this path of grim suffering? It is not because I am a fool. Since the saints and patriots of heaven and earth hold the key to the secret of liberation and complete freedom, this is the time to take the first step in distributing this secret to all the Korean people. Raise your hands if you don't want to be a part of this. Anyone who would raise his or her hand is an enemy of mine.

The legalistic era will soon be upon us. Nothing could be done if you were implicated by national laws, could it? Similarly, there was nothing you could do if you were implicated by the teachings of the Unification Church, could you? Even I could do nothing about it.

If I claimed that I was liberated and in possession of the key to a secret storeroom, and yet wanted to keep it all to myself and not pass it along to anyone, wouldn't that be a pack of lies? So, you should realize that even in your imagination, you cannot say that the past has all been lies; you should make a new resolution and become families, clans and nations that can make the move to a new heaven and earth.

Farewell, thank you for being here today, and I bequeath to you this blessing. [Amen.]◆

What Father Added to the World Tour Speech



On the first day of the current three-generation forty-day world tour, the True Family spoke in twelve locations in Korea. Father himself spoke at the Marriott Hotel, delivering his speech to an audience of one thousand two hundred people. In the course of his delivery, Father departed from the prepared text a number of times. The following are translated excerpts from these extemporaneous words that interspersed those of the official speech.

Whether you believe it or not, this is a matter of life and death and will be the summit you will inevitably have to cross over in the eternal course. You will know even in death. Of course, proclaiming the liberation of our homeland confidently and openly despite the opposition of 120 nations, and sending my beloved wife and children to 120 battlefields around the world is unthinkable and counter to commonsense. Now, from the positions of a grandfather and a grandmother, we are training our children.

We blessed our grandsons and granddaughters. By doing so, we conquered the two-generation summit and climbed up to the level of three generations.



On this foundation, forty nations, the Old Testament Age, the New Testament Age, the Completed Testament Age, and the 120 nations were all represented and included in the effort to open the gates to restoring the failure of the first realm of the grandfather. The three generations, including that of the grandfather, raised high their banner and overcame not having been able to attend the three great realms centered upon the Heavenly Parent, that is, the Parent of the Old Testament Age, the Parent of the New Testament Age, and the Parent of the Completed Testament Age. Now, after having done so, I have had the twelve disciples' clans set out and go on a global offensive for the liberated world of the heart of the fourth Adam.

There is not one person on earth who can think of me as a fool, because I

am backed by a logical foothold by which I can explain all my actions and answer any question thrown at me.



Then I will push forward, into the entire world, into all nations. Those taking part on this occasion are from three generations—the grandfather, the sons and daughters, and the grandchildren.... Therefore, I hope you will understand that at this time Heaven and I are competing against each other.



The ancestors in the spirit world as well as those in the failed realm of the angelic world should come down to earth and work for True Parents' realm of victory for three to seven years. In that way they can be a part of the great enterprise of achieving the model ideal family in the ideal world planned by God, in which God will be the Lord of the first, second and third generations, whom He will love. Along with the announcement of His victory, He will bestow the authority of Heaven on all humanity, so that all those in the angelic world and the physical world can be liberated and inherit it. Please bear in mind that this is the sacred moment when we are emerging as victors in the fight to accomplish such a solemn task.



Have you ever thought about lineage? You men of the fallen race, shamelessly sticking out your chests even though you have lost the lineage, and you fickle women, fluttering around like flowers over crossroads like fallen Eve, where will you end

up? You should understand what the signal at the intersection is telling you to do....

Without mother or father, there cannot be lineage. Don't you want to be filial sons and daughters? Come up here if you don't. You don't understand this, and so you have become good-for-nothings treating True Parents and God thoughtlessly. You need to understand that only when you



At one of the August 31 events, prominent guests participate in a Holy Burning Ceremony, a feature of each event on this tour

realize this truth can the duties of patriots working to save their country be restored.



Because nationhood and religion have come to an end, we should find our way back to the original Garden of Eden, where nations and religion were not needed. In the Garden, there were neither nations nor religions. Since not even the most eminent pastors, religious leaders, or even the four great religious founders have gotten into the Garden of Eden, to enter it they are waiting for the liberated kingdom of heaven, which will be opened by True Parents.



The time will come when even your grandsons and granddaughters can go to the residences of the world's presidents and command the presidents, vice presidents, and speakers of congress to gather, and they actually will. Though you don't understand that age, among you there should be people who have graduated from grade school through junior high and high school to university, risen in the world and become eligible to be enthroned as kings. Is there anyone who has such qualifications?

Let's talk frankly for a moment. You've all wanted to fight me, haven't you? The eight Korean administrations opposed me and tried to do away with me. Innumerable religions tried to eliminate me in the 1950s, but you can see the number of followers who are with me now and you should come to see that this is the reality. This is what is actually happening.



As I still pray for humanity, so too should you pray and take care of the world's people.



Could you be here if not for your mother and father? 99.999% of you came from your mother's body. Yet the men, who gave the sperm, claim to own you, because they are your fathers. That is why you all have thieves' traits in you....

Those who have lived by swindling others cannot become peace ambassadors. When you reverse the Chinese charac-

ters for the word swindle (*sa gi*) what do you get? You get *gi sa* [engineer]. Do you understand, Mr. Government Minister? Repent on this day, and since I have now acknowledged you as one of us, let us work together.



Are the parents and their sons and daughters united? How can you expect obedience from them when they are not united? Body and mind are in conflict; husband and wife are also in conflict. ...

It is enough to become the sons and daughters of God, the princes and princesses. What more could you want? You may think to yourselves later that you came across some very peculiar man at this rally, a man who is peculiar because he doesn't know how to fight and thinks only about peace.



Because I have reasonable theories and explanations to back them up, I can tell even the most prominent professors and chancellors to listen to me. You don't know how much I was persecuted and how people tried to seize and destroy me, but I have many peace ambassadors working for me. Some of them are even Nobel Prize laureates and presidents. This gentleman sitting at the front, which minister is he? Only government ministers can sit in the front. He is in charge of the Ministry of Construction and Transportation. They have asked me to shoulder responsibility for Yeosu and Sooncheon.



At this time, the four grandsons were blessed cross-culturally. Most of the in-laws are Japanese, aren't they? There was only one all-Korean couple. Japanese people were our enemy. If the couples married cross-culturally fail to form ideal families and consequently make this world into a haunt of the Devil, that won't do at all. On that foundation, in place of the Korean people, they are to accomplish the restoration of a new language, race, and heart in the universe, in short, to re-create the kingdom of God.



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Korean members scrambled to prepare for their twelve simultaneous speaking events with two days' notice. Father led by example, speaking on August 31 at the Seoul Marriott Hotel





Hyung-jin nim's Offering: Word and Deed

As Regis Hanna describes on page 13 of this issue, Hyung-jin nim executed the rapid writing of a large Chinese character in front of a group of seminarians he had invited to the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace. Afterward, he spoke to them for some time. What follows is an excerpt from his talk.

A couple of years ago, I asked Father to give me one Chinese character for me to treasure. Without speaking, he wrote a single Chinese character. There are tens of thousands of Chinese characters, but Father already knew which one he wanted to give me. He wrote it in an instant. If you were to ask someone else what the best Chinese character was, either they wouldn't know or they would think about it for some time. Father wrote it on the spot without even taking time to think. Most people might think Father would choose the Chinese character for "love" or "faith" as his favorite character. There are many other possible characters such as "heaven" that he might have chosen. Yet Father wrote the Chinese character *seong* [sincerity], as in *jeongseong* [sincere devotion]. I was studying the Chinese language at that time and had also taken an interest in calligraphy. After I started practicing calligraphy, I sometimes practiced writing characters in Father's presence.

I practiced on newspaper and on regular paper. I would ask Father to write something for me. Father would explain, for example, that a stroke should go up. He wrote *cheon* [heaven], *seong* [sincerity], *jung* [center] and other characters for me.

Father was my first calligraphy instructor. As I gazed at the Chinese character he had chosen for me, I found that it had profound meaning. We must fulfill what we say. (言+成=誠) What we say, we must fulfill. It has such profound meaning. At a closer look, it consisted of the Chinese characters, *eon* [言: word] and *seong* [成: become] with *eon* to the west and *seong*¹ to the east. The religions from the West are centered on the word such as Islam's Koran, Christianity's Bible or Judaism's Torah. Taoism and Hinduism are also included in *seong*. It is not just one religion. The word *seong* encapsulates all the religions from the West and East. They are united in this word.

This is the third time I have written this out in calligraphy. This time Shin-deuk, a member of the third generation, and I did it together. Without him, it would not have been possible. Father gave me tremendous strength. True Parents are going on this world tour centering on three generations. They are going to forty nations. What I want to write this time is the third of its kind. I

¹ This part of the whole character indicates its pronunciation and so is pronounced in the same way as the whole.

Top: On September 8, splattered ink testifies to Hyung-jin nim's intensity in writing out a Chinese character to seal a condition he had set; **Bottom:** Hyung-jin nim a few days earlier speaking to members.



will use my entire body in writing this.

There are great mountains, but those mountains are but small accumulated stones. We normally regard love, friends and the bond between couples as a large mountain. Don't we sometimes wish we could suddenly build a large mountain like those that exist in some countries? But actually love is but ten thousand—twelve thousand small stones. Every day we are piling stones up, one by one. But that would be no fun. People who build houses also have a hard time. They have to do the same thing repeatedly. But for us it just seems as if the house appeared all of a sudden. That's not how it is with a couple or a family bonded in true love. It constantly needs a large amount of investment.

Everyday we must repeatedly invest. Father has talked about a piggy bank for saving love. If you have a piggy bank and put money in it, what happens? What would happen if you took out the money? You will be left with nothing. It is the same with the wife, husband and each child. You have to build virtue and devotion. This is training for creating people of Cheon Il Guk, for building Cheon Il Guk, for creating true families. It can get tiring, doing it everyday. I mean it can become tedious sometimes. Yet, though I am tired, a promise is a promise. If you have faith and if you wish to build a house built on your firm faith, you can place the first stone by keeping your promises. If you do not keep your promises, ten stones will fall off.

When you make promises to your children you must keep them. You have to teach them how important promises are, how important what a parent says is, and that if the parent says something, it is fulfilled. We are now in the era of the complete settlement; the era of building Cheon Il Guk. Father has said that we should spend time with our families. I'm talking about the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. Is there peace in the family? Is there unification in the family? Not that much. Then who can we trust? We should be able to present something better, a better way, a better teaching than society does. What would happen if we were just left with words? Children would beat their father. What would you do if they said that their father is not completely doing what he preaches on Sunday? It would be hard for the children to trust their father. *Continued overleaf...*

Hyung-jin nim's Letter to True Parents

When Father and Mother left Cheon Jeong Peace Palace on September 20, Hyung-jin said, "Mom is leaving with my elder brothers to go out to the world; Father has gone with Shin-joon; and I am here with Shin-deuk, offering a condition at Cheon Jeong Peace Palace. Shin-deuk and I will be the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace Team." What follows is a translation of the September 5, 2006 letter Hyung-jin nim wrote to his parents to report on the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace Team's progress.



Dear Dad and Mom.

This is Hyung-jin, your youngest son. I know how hard you are working. I really miss you.

We, the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace team, have been offering a special condition from September 1 for the success of Mom's third world speaking tour with the True Family. Our team also consists of three generations—with me and Shin-deuk centering on True Parents' picture. We are offering a condition that is focused on the Chinese character seong.¹ This is the character Father gave me, so that the word encapsulating God's will can be fulfilled.²

Out of my desire for the realization and complete settlement of Cheon Il Guk, I am offering a sincere condition with my entire being by doing twelve thousand bows, which is a multiple of the number twelve, the number of perfection and the number of the perfection of the four-position foundation. Concurrently, I am reading Father's speech forty times (for the forty nation tour), and after I complete the twelve-thousand-bow condition, I am planning to write the character seong 誠 using a large brush, the size of a broom. This calligraphy I will offer to True Parents.

Yesterday, September 4, I offered two thousand bows. I have now completed six thousand bows in total. I have already read the tour speech twenty times. The calligraphy in the photo is what I wrote after the 4332nd bow³ yesterday; what do you think about it? Dad, Mom, I'm really rooting for you! Once I complete two thousand bows today, September 5, I will have completed eight thousand. After that, I will write the Chinese character seong with my own blood as a symbolic gesture of making a new beginning and of offering my life for the sake of restoring the lineage for all humanity, which is what True Parents have been emphasizing.

What I wrote yesterday corresponds to the formation stage, which symbolizes the first 120-nation speaking tour. What I am going to write today corresponds to the growth stage, which symbolizes the second 180-nation tour. Adam and Eve fell at the growth stage and stained the lineage. That is why I think it is significant that I write the character seong from jeongseong using blood from the true lineage, so that Father and Mother's will of restoring the lineage of fallen humanity can be fulfilled. The final calligraphy will be huge. I will write it after completing twelve thousand bows. This will correspond to the perfection stage symbolizing the third world tour.

Mom, Dad, Dad, Mom, the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace Team will guard the palace. Please do not worry about us; please come back with victory. Dad, Mom, fight on! ♦

¹ 誠: meaning sincere; part of the word jeongseong 精誠, "sincere devotion," which in English we usually render as "a(n) (indemnity) condition"

² At UTS recently, Hyung-jin nim explained that he had asked Father, "Abonim, please give me the one character that is most precious to you, that should be most precious to all Unificationists, that has carried you through hard times, [such as] when you were in prison being tortured by North Koreans. Tell me what the character is. Please! Give me the character... He gave me the character for sincerity, which is a combination of "word" and "to become."

³ Perhaps 1999 of Gregorian calendar, which coincides with 4332 of the lunar calendar, is significant to Hyung-jin nim



Hyung-jin nim surrounded by some of his calligraphic works. He is holding five-month-old Shin-deuk nim.

It's not about working harder but working smarter. We usually think that things will work out if we work harder. Let's say that Seoul is over here and that I'm going in that direction. If I just walk even harder in another direction, I would end up farther away. Let's say that we want to go up this wall but placed the ladder on the other side. We could go up the ladder as energetically as we can, but we would end up somewhere else. We should see whether we are denying our children their coins of faith, their coins of love. We should look around and always be aware.

If this is to be fulfilled in our family, we should really look around carefully and always be on the lookout. We must achieve mind-body unity. The energy is going in the wrong direction. My mind is going to another... If we spend our time like this... We shouldn't live our entire lives like this. We should have time to look around ourselves. We have to look at ourselves. We have to clear out the demons within ourselves. We have to clear out the things that hurt other people. We have to clean ourselves from within. If you want to make a mountain, take one step at a time. You have to take one step each day. That's what makes love. You are creating love.

That's training. You have to think of it as a beautiful ritual. It's Unification Church training. It's a Unification Church ritual, and it makes strong relationships with our children. Then wouldn't God be able to rest? With this sort of ritual training with couples, could God rest? It won't happen somewhere else; we have to make a place in our families where God can rest as His home. It is all in the peace messages [six speeches].

Didn't Father say that we should create a house where peace and love can be created, and where God can feel at peace and find rest, a place He would yearn for? These words should be fulfilled. All of the Principle is inside this single character. If we understand it well. We can only see the tip of an iceberg, but we need to have a tremendous amount of conditions.²

² This is also *jeongseong*, which in Korean society means to focus sincere effort and in the Korean Unification also means the organized activities we do such as fasting, praying, or bowing for a set time period of time.

We should create true love and true families. There should be happiness in each family, where you can feel this with your children, who have a place in that family. Many parents unwittingly drive out their children from their house and do not create a secure place for them. A house is where parents and children should live together. It should be as if the parents are giving a part of the house to the children. Then when they draw pictures [and hang them], it becomes their home.

I learned that rule as I grew. When I go home there is a place for me that I am responsible for. You should give that kind of responsibility to your children. The more your children grow, the more good principles they should learn. But many young people are afraid. They don't know what to do. We must once again invest with our mind and body. We should accomplish these things anew. Somebody told me to speak about this kind of thing to members of the second generation, and that they would love it. I said no. Why just to the second generation? There are so many first and second generation, 1.5 generation, Abraham, Jacob, Japanese and Korean members. We're the Unification Church but we are a "divided church." Whether we are a member of the True Family, a church family or a member from Africa, this is the homework we all must do. We must unite our mind and body, create a firm unity between couples and create a true family.

I have the same homework as you. That is why I am concentrating on it. You have to concentrate on what you have to do. There is no need to separate or discriminate—Japanese here, Koreans there, Africans over here.

Why do we do that? We should not just be talking about the Universal Peace Federation but really embody it inside. Then people will believe. We will begin to believe and even our children will. That's what this means. This Chinese character is very deep. It is making the word a reality. That's what it means. Then Cheon Il Guk will be realized, and God and Parents can take a rest. We can find complete settlement when our mind and body are sturdy and united both inside and from the outside. ◆

An Eyewitness Account

By Regis Hanna

T rue Father is in Yeosu today. This morning, September 8, 2006, we were invited to the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace to witness a very special ceremony, in which Hyung-jin nim offered his recent six-day, twelve-thousand-bow condition for the True Family's tour. His condition included a thousand bows in the morning and a thousand in the afternoon, taking about six hours a day. Hyung-jin nim had made a special string of wooden prayer beads to count out the bows. These were brought to the ceremony today.

When True Parents did their first UPF world tour, Hyung-jin nim made a calligraphic wall hanging in gold ink of the character *seong*, which—as he explained to us before the ceremony today—was the character Father wrote for him when he asked Father, “What is the best Chinese character?” It has two parts; the first means “the word,” and the second means “to become.” During True Parents' second UPF world tour, he wrote the same character in calligraphic style with his own blood, which had been extracted by a

Hyung-jin nim on September 8 doing a set of 1,000 bows; He is using a strand of wooden beads to keep count. He did two sets a day for six days.



doctor in a hospital.

Both of these were displayed at the bottom of the stairs to the palace, on the patio on a large area of cardboard that was set up as a staging area for this calligraphy writing. On the cardboard was the paper he would use. A staff member prepared a large basin of ink and placed it near the paper. Present as onlookers were seminary students, professors and staff from the seminary as well as staff from the palace.

Hyung-jin nim came down the stairs with his five-month-old son Shin-deuk nim in one arm and a very large brush, as big as a long-handled broom, in the other.

Hyung-jin nim stood on the paper, facing the palace and using the handle end of the brush, briefly marked out the space that he wanted to use for the calligraphy. After adjusting his feet, he closed his eyes. The charisma of his spiritual power was immediately palpable. For perhaps two minutes he remained, eyes closed, with the brush in his hands, and then suddenly he shouted the word “*seong*” and exploded in action. Twirling the brush behind his back and over the top of his head, he turned and leaped forward, stabbing the brush into the bowl of ink, briefly swabbing it around in the bowl to ensure that it was well soaked. He then quickly wrote the character from top to bottom, doing a cartwheel through the air and ending with a final stab of the brush in the upper righthand corner of the paper. Paint was flying everywhere, all over the cardboard, on bystanders, on him, his back and his face. It was over in less than a minute.

Tears flowed as my heart was so deeply moved by the explosive spiritual power of heart with which he wrote; I felt how deadly serious True Family members are and the incredible suffering of their offering for world peace. At the same time, comparing my heart to his, I felt how shallow I am. This feeling continued for some time, while Hyung-jin nim used a much smaller brush to write the dedication on the calligraphy.

When he finished, he turned to us and said, “Interesting, huh?” in Korean and smiled. I thought, “What a profound understatement.” He has a very light touch, which with anybody else it would seem sarcastic, but it is totally lacking in negativity. He seems on the one hand to not want to take himself too seriously.

Then he talked to us for more than an hour, almost entirely in Korean, which due to my very poor language ability, I should not try to translate [see page 10 for an excerpt]. But in general terms, according to his favorite topic, he talked about how before we try to bring peace in the world, we have to bring peace into our own families and our movement.

When we arrived at the palace, it was cloudy and as we proceeded in this ceremony, it got even darker and I really thought it would rain. But the concept of rain, never entered into the planning for this event at all. There was nothing to protect from water damage. We could increasingly hear rumbles of thunder, and finally, I felt a drop and noticed that another participant was also wiping away a drop of water. But it never rained, and Hyung-jin nim just kept talking, totally ignoring the threat of rain. Then it all cleared up, and when it was time to take pictures at the end, the sun was out. It was as if Heaven could not allow it to rain during such a sincere event. Three full bows were offered at the end, for True Parents and the success of the tour. ♦

Regis Hanna was blessed among the 1,800 couples. He is currently studying for a PhD at Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology at Cheongpyeong (see page 20 for his account of his experience).

A Journey with Dae-mo nim

AN INTERVIEW

Soonja Richardson (1,800 couples) has worked with Dae-mo nim since the beginning of the Cheongpyeong spirit world liberation providence nearly twelve years ago. Among other responsibilities, she accompanies Dae-mo nim on her global travels to bring Cheongpyeong to the world. Here is her account, as told to Today's World editor Julian Gray, of Dae-mo nim's visit to other Asian countries, and of the responses it evoked.

Today's World: What stayed in your mind as the most significant recollection of the tour?

Soonja Richardson: It was the first time for Dae-mo nim to do a tour in Asia. For various reasons, a number of leaders had not been able to understand the Cheongpyeong providence. I realized this when I arrived there before the main party. While I was talking with the leaders there I could see they did not have a clear understanding. However, in the end they were really happy.

Perhaps they felt that for members to focus on their ancestors' liberation was selfish, because, as they saw it, members were worrying more about their own ancestors than about the overall providence.

In the end they realized how much the members' hearts were actually opened up though the experience, how happy they were, and how deeply moved. The members could really connect to God and True Parents much more.

They have been teaching Divine Principle for so many years, but have not seen such excitement in the members.... Many, many people had spiritual experiences, especially in the Philippines. For example, one member's father, who was not even a member, was invited to participate. He started seeing evil spirits crawling out of his body like ants. That was such a shock; he was so shaken by the experience.

And people were crying, crying so much—including Mrs. Kim, the continental director's wife. She was crying; she



Soonja Richardson (left) accompanied Dae-mo nim on a tour of Asian countries from November 7–12, last year

couldn't stop, even on the stage in front of everyone, though she was trying so hard to control herself. I think her ancestors came; she was so, so moved by the whole occasion.

Also in the Philippines, it was not expected that the members would be able to offer donations. Yet as Dae-mo nim went, a lot of donations came. That really was quite a shock for some leaders, to realize how deeply members longed for their ancestors' liberation and blessing.

A lot more people than expected came to the meeting. People realized they needed that kind of spiritual experience, that kind of liberation. They understood that doing ancestor liberation is not selfish at all. In the end it helps the whole spirit world.

And it is also witnessing. This is just not visible on the

European members who may have trouble getting to Korea take part in a Cheongpyeong workshops on European soil on April 4, 2006. Left: Fritz Piepenburg, then national leader, with Fulfillment of Wish Papers; Right: People of all ages listen attentively



earth. Witnessing also is restoring the spirit world. And that could affect things on earth, by helping people on earth join.

What is it that causes this great outpouring of interest?

I believe human power could not do such things. People don't come if there is just a person asking people to come. It is the spirit world. The power behind people is the spirit world, their ancestors. They are drawn to come. Even some members came even though they had determined not to come. This for me was a witness to the fact that the spirit world really is working.

Are they people who have never been to a liberation?

Most of them were, especially in the Philippines. Most of them have not been here to Cheongpyeong.

Dae-mo nim was also in Thailand and Taiwan. How were the events different?

In Thailand and Taiwan were many who had already participated before, and had liberated their ancestors. So a lot more members could participate in the ancestor blessing. And of course they were very happy that they could see Dae-mo nim there in their own homeland. And good thing is, when Dae-mo nim goes to various areas, she doesn't just liberate the ancestors from the members, but also she clears up the major spiritual problems of those areas by setting free the major spirits who are blocking the good fortune of the country.

Why did she go to Taiwan (and also Japan) when the members were already coming here to Cheongpyeong?

There are still those who resist coming for various reasons. For a whole family to come for the registration blessing is very difficult, for example. So it helps a lot. When Dae-mo nim goes there, it saves the members on air fares, and on travel time, and everything can be done at once—ancestor liberation, ancestor blessing, registration blessing and the ceremony for the second generation who are in the spirit world. The parents receive the special candles. All these five or six differ-

ent functions—everything we would do here in Cheongpyeong—was done there.



Dae-mo nim on her European tour speaking in Germany on April 4

Dae-mo nim temporarily re-creates the situation of Cheongpyeong wherever she holds such an event?

When the 21-day workshop is held in other countries, they do things just as we do in Cheongpyeong...

They do the holy song sessions—everything—and at that time, it does become like Cheongpyeong. Some representative leaders from here in Cheongpyeong go to that country so that there is control over the situation.

When Dae-mo nim goes places, she's bringing her spirit world, a whole "army" of the spirit world with her. Before she even goes there, she sends the spirit "soldiers" beforehand. I was a little concerned when I arrived in the Philippines. They were practicing holy song sessions. They were doing it really hard and I was almost afraid: what if the spirits were to come out? It could mean some trouble. But then I thought Dae-mo nim already knew that they were doing this in advance and must have taken care of it. I trusted that she would have thought of it already. Later I asked her, "I saw those people doing holy song practice and I was afraid that spirits would come out of their bodies."

She said, "Don't worry. I sent already the angels and good spirits there; so it is taken care of."

I think people feel the spirit world there. That is why such phenomena actually occurred. You know, you cannot just talk to someone and have them trust you and believe in you right away. They somehow know somehow instinctively that the spirit world is there.

I wonder what Dae-mo nim emphasized in her speeches...

Dae-mo nim's focus is to help the world providence, which is to build the kingdom. Everyone really has to go out to witness. She focuses on that point. "If you give your three hours a day, your tithing of time, I will come back as soon as I can." She always promises that. So, people are encouraged to go out and be active. This is the focal point.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 25...A JOURNEY WITH DAE-MO NIM

Left: Dae-mo nim posing with members in Nakhonnayok, Thailand, on November 9. (She is flanked by the Asian Regional Director and his wife). Right: In Tanay in Rizal Province, Philippines, 60 km from Manila on November 7–8 as part of an Asian tour





Above Pictures: Kook-jin nim visiting the Korean church headquarters on August 3 as part of a tour of organizations in Korea founded or inspired by True Parents for which he has a supervisory role. He has even visited small churches, meeting congregations and listening to their concerns. On July 27, he visited FFWPU International, which includes *Today's World*. If his visit to us was typical, he listens to an overall explanation of activities and then meets personally with department directors.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2...**INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** understood the heavenly way, he personally went through the stages centering on the heavenly way that he had discovered. As he went through the eight stages of vertical restoration through indemnity as an individual, the condition was met to establish the individual and family on the heavenly side as of 1960—through the blessing ideal of the family on the heavenly side. Prior to True Parents' Holy Wedding, Father engaged three couples to create a protective barrier.

In form, he connected the three couples to establish thirty-six couples and seventy-two couples. All blessed families belong to the heavenly tribe—the tribe centering on the True Parents. Father has said that we must change our surnames. He said that we no longer belong to the world. To this day he emphasizes that we must restore the Kim clan, Kwak clan or whichever clan we belong to. But the existing clans are not the problem. Father has laid the foundation in order to have the tribes on the heavenly side go beyond existing clans. That is the foundation he has been making since the 1960s.

When Father says that blessed families must be reorganized into heavenly tribes, he is saying that we have to become heavenly people. The sovereignty and nation has always been at the center of his mind as he established such standards and as he raised each tribe. He does not actually hold sovereignty but from the 36-couple blessing group, he has blessed 30,000 couples, 360,000 couples—thousands, tens of thousands and even hundreds of thousands of couples throughout the world.

Internally, this is more than the population of any nation or people. In that sense, he can stand proud and above Satan's accusations. That horizontal foundation he built is the foundation of the blessing. He has spurred the globalization of the blessing.

Father has established conditions to internally surpass the levels of peoples and nations. A realm of sovereignty has been set up through which people can unite with True Parents. That is how we can outnumber the population of any nation. Isn't that correct?

Why did Father declare the Ceremony of the Settlement of the Eight Stages in 1989? He had already declared Foundation Day in 1988. He did it with a purpose. Centering on the Seoul Olympics, he established Cain and Abel and offered his utmost sincere devotion. On the foundation of that victory he declared Foundation Day and the horizontal providence could encompass the world. Prior to the declaration of Foundation Day, the cold war system that divided the world into two camps, democracy and communism, was maintained. Yet, from Heaven's point of view, the borderline between democracy and communism did not exist. Heaven could not recognize the existence of such a border.

Father declared the Ceremony of the Settlement of the Eight Stages after making the preparations and laying the basis for completely liberating even the spirit world. If we interpret what Father said in relation to the Ceremony of the Settlement of the Eight Stages and the *aewon* providence (the providence

of love), it was basically this: after the Fall, human beings lost the true lineage. They lost the unified realm of harmony between siblings, Cain and Abel, and they lost the right of ownership. Therefore, the long history of restoration began.

Since humanity lost the lineage they were in a position that had nothing to do with True Parents and the heavenly lineage. Since they lost the unified realm of harmony between siblings, the providence of salvation has been the history of restoration between Cain and Abel and was carried on as the era of siblings. Looking back at history we can see that it has been a providential era centering on siblings. The pattern that unfolded through the providence of restoration and that we learned through the history of restoration of Cain and Abel was that of God establishing a person on Heaven's side and embracing and saving the people on the satanic side. The *aewon* providence has the Chinese character for *won*, meaning to help. It refers to the era of the *aewon* providence connected to the providence of salvation through love.

God's love can be substantially realized and manifested only when the parents are established. The reason Father declared the *aewon* "providence of love" was because the internal, central or core providence had changed from the age of siblings to the providential age of parents. That's what this means. Father declared the Ceremony of the Settlement of the Eight Stages as a vertical and horizontal indemnity condition. This is because we have advanced into the providential age of parents from the age of siblings. What you should understand in terms of the entire providence of restoration is that we have passed the providential era of siblings and entered the providential era of parents. This is not the end but is the basis and beginning of the providence for kingship.

If humankind had not fallen, Adam and Eve, the first ancestors, would not have witnessed any conflict between siblings. They would have automatically become the center of the right of ownership. The parents would have been established based on the unified realm of harmony between siblings. Adam would have become the origin, the ancestor, the center of all humanity. That is why the sovereignty and kingship would all belong to the era of Adam's kingship. The perfection of the right of parents in terms of the realm of dominion is the same as the perfection of kingship. That is why it all comes down to the providential era of kingship.

Until 1989, the providence was the providential era of siblings. From 1989, the providence for restoring the right of parents began. The fruit of this, in terms of the right of parents, is that the siblings become one only when there are parents. Siblings cannot become one on their own. In the long course of restoration during which the Cain-Abel problem could not be completely resolved, True Parents established both vertical and horizontal indemnity conditions. Through doing so, True Parents stood at the center and from then on Father began to emphasize head-

wing thought and unity. Siblings are to become one through the parents. The perfection and conclusion of the right of parents is directly connected to kingship. When you consider the chronology, the providential era of the realm of siblings as the mainstream of the providence ended in 1989. Thereafter, the providential realm of restoring the right of parents began and lasted until 2000.

On January 13, 2001, the Coronation of the Kingship of God was offered. Through this, the right of parents was established along with the eternal kingship in terms of sovereignty. From 2001, the era of the coronation of God's kingship began. From 2003, Father worked on restoring Jesus' kingship and held his coronation with the intent of bringing a conclusion to the second and third Israels with the establishment of the fourth Israel. The entrance ceremony into Cheon Jeong Peace Palace and the coronation took place this year on June 13. The demand for the establishment of all these things, along with the right of parents, which is the perfected vertical true love, are the fruits of the era of the restoration of kingship.

With no one to consult, True Father has advanced the providence and led this group of people who would not follow him as he went through this incredible course that is beyond our understanding.

Let us once more think about True Parents and understand deeply that Satan cannot be driven away without the foundation of True Parents' victory. At the same time, at the beginning of the 1990s, we reached the stage where the spirit world was liberated and the boundaries were removed—the level of the cosmos. Rapid progress of the providence that is beyond our imagination came to be associated with the spirit world. True Parents established condition after condition, made declarations and substantially established all this. We should be utterly grateful and deeply repent at the same time.

This foundation was connected to the Ceremony of the Settlement of the Eight Stages. On the foundation of that ceremony, the era of the *aewon* providence of love began and the declaration of the ideology of the heavenly father can be understood in this light.

True Parents are God in their bodies, with God Himself as the center. We are in a time when they can exercise their right of parents upon humanity, and where all people can become one before the parents' true love. Therefore, Father is unifying people through head-wing thought. He has overcome

all other ideologies to bring people together. Through his life, he has globalized the blessing, bringing the true lineage to all people and arranging it so that they can all be in the position of having received the lineage from the same parents. He has prepared the foundation for internally establishing kingship.

We must understand that this all began with the declaration of the ideology centered on the heavenly father [천부주의], and has continued to this day.◆



Blessed children attend a summer Divine Principle seminar from July 26–August 9 in Cheongpyeong. Father spoke to them during the first week.

Some Blessing Participants Express Their Hearts

On the morning of August 28, True Parents blessed four of their grandchildren in a banquet hall of the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace. The following day, Father announced that in just two days' time the newlyweds and other members of the True Family would begin the three-generation international speaking tour in twelve locations in Korea. What follows are reflections of some of the newlyweds and two mothers at a banquet following the Blessing Ceremony.

Shin-bok nim

Since I came here, I've met a lot of new younger brothers and sisters. Through them, I've learned about life for the first time. So, I'd like to say that I am very grateful for that. From the time I first heard that I would be receiving the blessing, I was determined to be willing to receive someone who is the complete opposite of me, who would be even totally unsuitable for me. I felt that determination, but I was a bit tense. Now, though, I have met the bride chosen for me, and I feel as if she is someone who really puts my mind at ease, so I want to sincerely say thank you to True Parents.

Emcee (to Yeon-sun nim)

Korean mothers are very strong. I think we have all just seen that here and now. Could you tell us your thoughts about how you will attend Ye-jin nim as your own mother-in-law?

Yeon-sun nim

I'm very happy that I could come to have such a kind, good mother-in-law. I'll be listening to her and letting her words sink into my heart, attending her and loving her. I'll do my best to make a happy family that is full of true love. ◆

Ye-jin nim

When I think about things, I think I haven't done a very good job in raising my son. In all the talk about congratulations, and about thanks, there was no mention of his mother. From this point on, I'll do my very best to reach the correct standard of a true mother, so that this son can be a principled son who fulfills the hope and desire of Heaven. I'll do my best to become a mother who educates him, so that he can fulfill that ideal of a family that Heaven desires.

It's been a long time since I've come here and met you all. Coming up here on the stage has brought back many memories, and I can recognize many faces from the early days. However, one thing that we should always remember as we walk the path is where we should have started from and where we should be going.

In this sense, it is my hope you can become people who can be connected to God's realm of heart, the expansion of true love, which is rooted in the Principle. I hope that you can become people who can connect the 5 percent portion of human responsibility to become one with the realm of heart that God's envisions will be achieved through the multiplication of children who can become exemplary, through the perfection of human parents, through the position of True Parents towards fallen humanity, and towards the true family, true clan, true nation and true world, centering on the Cain and Abel children that are connected to the father and the mother, based on the historical foundation of 95 percent effort by God, who established the True Parents foundation in the twentieth century.

We do not just finish here and now. How can we go ahead, so that God will never leave this group, this community, which will gradually multiply through our second and third generations? How can we make it so that he will remain with us forever, so that the individual and community can eternally develop?

I truly hope we can create that foundation, and I truly hope that each of us can become the embodiment of that goal. With that, I hope that this will be a truly significant day for each of you. Thank you. ◆



Shin-il nim

I haven't really prepared for this, so mentally things are a bit chaotic for me now. I felt very grateful when I saw how Shin-ae prepared a performance to congratulate us all, with her dancing and singing, which were both great. At first, I came over to Korea from the U.S., even though I was working there, because they said that Shin-sook was getting the blessing with Otsuka. I was really surprised, though, when it turned out that I was getting blessed too. It truly came out of the blue, and I felt pretty disoriented.

At first, when I saw this person sitting next to me, my mind was actually divided half and half, thinking about how it would go, but when she came back later with her make up on and all dressed up very nicely, I guess I took another look. I thought that Grandfather and Grandmother really do think about all these things. They really know what they are doing, and I kind of have to reflect that actually I really don't know how this world works. I mean, I kind of felt that this time.

The only song I really know is the national anthem, and I don't really even know that too well. I think that if all of you help me out with singing it, things might go all right. So I'll go ahead and sing the national anthem. (He sang the Korean National Anthem)

Shiori nim

I am grateful to God and True Parents that I could meet Shin-il nim and become a member of the True Family. I still have a lot of areas I need to improve or grow in, but I will do my best. I will love Shin-il nim lots and lots, and do my best to make a close and warm family that God can come to and always be a part of.

Emcee (to Shiori nim)

Korea is well known for having strict mother-in-laws. Could you please share with us your determination about how you intend to attend your mother in law?

Shiori nim

With my sincere heart, I will try to attend my mother-in-law just as I do my own mother—in fact, more fully than I do my own mother. ◆



Above right: At the blessing banquet, the brides and grooms and their parents sang songs, adding to the festive atmosphere. True Parents joined them eventually. **Left to Right:** Shin-sook nim, Hirotaka nim, Shiori nim, Shin-il nim, True Father, True Mother, Shin-bok nim, Yeon-sun nim, and Jin-hwa nim **Below:** The emcee had teasingly goaded Hirotaka-nim into proving his devotion to his new mother-in-law, so he carried her on his back to the delight of the audience **Above left:** Ye-jin nim being kissed by her son Shin-bok and his bride Yeon-sun nim



Dong-sook nim

Actually, I had no idea I would be asked to say something here today. I thought only the brides and the grooms would be speaking, so I'm a bit dazed and nervous about what I should say. I'm very moved and in fact totally surprised about this blessing that Shin-il and Shin-sook have received. I think it's a challenging blessing for them. I give my thanks to God and True Parents, who have made all this possible by protecting and looking after them as they have been growing.

The brides and the grooms are now internally connected to a common destiny, and I think the most important thing is that each of these couples work to maintain that invisible connection and destiny, so that they can become a true core that achieves a true, ideal family in which God can be eternally present and which fulfills the ideal model that True Parents are always emphasizing.

I'm sorry their father could not be here today, but I very much believe that by their making effort together with their spouses, the day will come when they will be able to offer a truly beautiful standard to True Parents. If you can be patient and persevere, I think that we will be able to see a very good result. I strongly believe that, and I will do my best to see that happen too. Thank you. ◆

Jin-hwa nim

I offer my gratitude to the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind—Father and Mother.

This is something unimaginable even in a dream. I still cannot believe it. I want to express my gratitude to all those who have guided me until now.

I still have many weak points. But with a new start, I want to be a person who can be helpful to God, True Parents and my husband. ◆

Shin-sook nim

Hello everybody. We are all here together on this very meaningful day. There are so many people here, and this is my first time to speak to you, so I'm trembling a little bit. This is really a happy day, and many of you are here congratulating us, so I'm really very, very happy. I especially want to thank God and my grandfather and grandmother, and my mother and father, for making it possible for me to be here today. Also, I want to achieve good things and show only the best things to everyone who is helping us. Hirotaka and I will really do our best to live the right way, so please look out for us, and lend us your support. Thank you.

Hirotaka nim

I am sincerely thankful that I could participate in this blessing from God and True Parents, in the midst of their love. From this point on, I will do my best not to be scolded by True Parents, God or the True Children, especially by Shin-sook nim. Thank you very much.

Emcee (to Hirotaka nim)

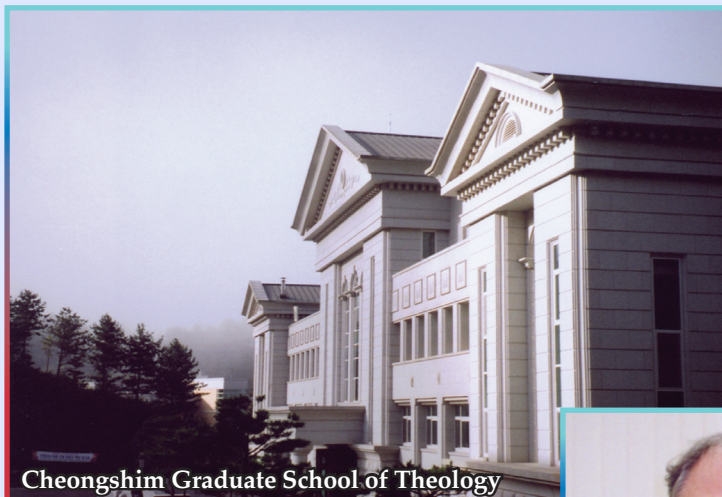
There is a saying that a mother-in-law loves her son-in-law above all else, but of course, you'll have to put your heart into it too. Do you have confidence that you will be able to get more love from your mother-in-law than Shiori nim gets from her mother-in-law?

Hirotaka nim

I'm already receiving a lot of love from her. ◆

Like a Dream Come True: Studying at Our Seminary in Korea

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Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology

Regis Hanna recently interviewed himself about his experience at the Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology in Korea, which opened in 2004.

Me: How long have you been at Cheongshim?
Myself: Since February, 2006

How did you hear about it?

A friend was doing course work at UTS on a distance learning program that sounded really interesting and was very enthusiastic, so I began to think about that. I wanted to study theology in order to be better able to do inter-faith work.

What happened next?

I was attending the 40-day workshop in Cheongpyeong, and mentioned about the UTS distance learning program. The person next to me, who had just graduated from Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology said, "UTS is a great school for Asians and other foreigners who don't know the US or New York. But you should come to Cheongshim Graduate School." They explained that the UTS program is more traditional whereas the Cheongshim program is very forward looking. Also, the Korean program is very good and the chance to live in Korea helps your chances of learning Korean, because you are surrounded with it! In addition, there is the chance to be near the Cheongpyeong Training Center and visit there pretty often, on weekends, for two-day workshops.

How did you find information about the Seminary? Most people would be worried about not speaking Korean well. Dr. Carlson and Dr. Matsuda are there and they both speak English. Dr. David Carlson was giving lectures during the 40-day workshop, so I asked to have lunch with him and we talked things over. He said he would talk to Dr. Kim Jin-choon,

the seminary president, about me and my background, and get back to me on it. Now, Cheongpyeong is a very spiritual place and I mentioned to one of the leaders there a few days later about my interest in the seminary. Then, as I am preparing to leave the training center, packing and so forth, this leader sees me walking around and he says, "Why don't you come to the graduate school with me now? Did you meet the school president? They are graduating a class now. Can you get your suit on in five minutes and be back here?" So I went over with him and listened to the whole graduation ceremony in Korean. Since Dae-mo nim was there, the next thing I know I am having lunch at the same table with Dae-mo nim and then afterwards I talked with Pres. Kim. He was very encouraging to me, because they

had one opening for a student for the semester beginning February 28. (This was February 8!) So I made up my mind, went home, packed up and came back to school.



Regis Hanna and his wife Nancy are the Abel-nation national messiah couple in Panama, Central America

Has the Seminary met your expectations?

Actually it has exceeded my expectations in a lot of ways. At present, there are three main areas of study, Church Management, Unification Spirituality and True Parents Studies. Because of True Parents' entry into the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace, a lot of world attention is being focused on this area and scholars are taking a very serious second look at us. They can see that we are going to be around for a while and among all the new religious movements, both those in Korea and around the world, we are looking very permanent.

So there is a need to educate academically trained members who can communicate our ideas to these people.

What classes did you take this semester?

The Church Management course was very interesting, with a very brilliant, bi-lingual professor who is very much on the cutting edge of management thinking. Then I have the History, Culture and Religions of Korea—with Dr. Carlson—which is a fascinating look at Korean History, and Unification Thought. I was also invited to audit a course with President Kim, which is in Korean.

Your Korean is that good?

Not at all, but Pres. Kim stops every five minutes or so and gives me a little one or two sentence synopsis, and he has really great Power Point slides that I can translate with help from my dictionary. Since the course is True Parents and the Complete Testament Age, there are a lot of concepts and diagrams that are familiar, so it is not that challenging.

How much Korean are you learning?

Actually a lot. The Korean teacher is very dynamic and experi-

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Father speaking at the celebration of the first anniversary of the inauguration of UPF at Cheon Jeong Peace Palace on September 12; Inset left, foreground: Dae-mo nim and Shin-mi nim with former Minister of Unification Heo Moon-do between them

Right Inset, right to left: James Mancham, Chairman, UPF Presiding Council; Hamilton Green, UPF Presiding Council; Justice Punsalmaagiin Ochirbat, Mongolian Constitutional Court; Stanislaw Shushkevich, Presiding Council; Mrs. Shushkevich; and First Lady of Palau Debbie Remengesau



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Unless in a family the husband and wife compete with each other to live for the sake of the other, a family of peace cannot make its appearance on earth. Those who are unfaithful to their spouses must come back to their senses and repent.



It is not through ordinary love that a child can exhibit filial piety. It is only through sacrificial love. Even when he is starving, he should give his food his parents to feed them; he should buy what he cannot afford for his parents and die for them if the need arises. A son who exhibits filial piety practices sacrificial love. How can mothers teach their children to have filial piety?

It is not through themselves that parents can become owners of love. Only after giving birth to their own children, sons and daughters, can the love of parents come to reside in their ignorant, unenlightened hearts. Thus, they become parents who can weep for their child before the child cries, parents who can grieve over their son before they come to love him. That is why the father and mother do not award themselves the title "parent." It is their own children who do so. Even when a child turns out to be ugly, the parents can tearfully love him or her with the heart of a loving mother or father. This is how the value of "parents" is created.



Mother gave birth to thirteen children in the name of a parent. Five of our children and grandchildren have passed away. She has lived a life of tears; on her wedding day, she hid under her blanket and wept. Until you become a father or mother, you can never understand the circumstances of sons and daughters, so try to pray for an answer.



Now no one can brand me a failure. Has there ever been anyone who has worked to resolve the grief of the grandfather and humanity through three generations, going so far as to push

three generations of his family out to the brink of death? Satan waged war on the Unification Church, doing anything and everything to make sure we could not be blessed. He worked to break down our family. Yet I sent out my family to such a dangerous battlefield, and the next day I went out by ship across stormy waters around Geomun Island. For twenty-five years, I have been riding such a ship; I've never been able to lie down in comfort. I have been too tired to rest—On top of that, it rained too—I have never allowed myself a moment of rest. I've told myself I couldn't sleep until the resting place for God's sons and daughters was made. I have come onstage today after saying my final prayers. Those who reject me will become unfortunate; good fortune will leave them and they will drift along in misfortune. I'm being very frank about this.



Unification Church members should love their nation, humankind and God just as much as they adore and yearn for me. Unification Church members cannot help but love and care for me, because that is the standard. Those who are not like that will split off from others and take a side path.



The Holy Burning Ceremony is not mentioned in this speech. Unless everything that should be burned away from your families is destroyed and your families can begin from the ideal seed, as a new seed of the kingdom of heaven as desired by God, the new kingdom of heaven cannot be established. This is all logical.



I have passed through sixty-one years to restore everything to the way it was before the Fall, that is, to build a bridge. It is my given responsibility to complete all the work by October 14, and I have walked a narrow path, where one false move would determine whether I should live or die. I've confronted and contested with Satan, finally emerging with victorious supremacy. If I had not, God could not be brought to dwell there. ♦

My Way of Serving God



By Park No-wook

We asked the Korean headquarters to name a church that worked in an exemplary fashion during this year's forty-day special witnessing period. They pointed us in the direction of the Seongnam church, where it turns out success is based greatly on the daily lifestyle of their pastor, Rev. Park No-wook, and is not limited to the special witnessing period.

I think that because we have done well and there has been good result and accomplishments Rev. Hwang says he would like to build us a church. He has high expectations. Rev. Hwang spoke to all church leaders at Yong Pyong Resort and asked us to focus on having four hundred people at each Sunday service. He said that that is the only way to achieve North-South Korean unification and to solve the problems related to family breakdown. He also said it is the way that world peace will be accomplished and by filling our churches we would be living for God and True Parents and accomplishing God's will.

The national headquarters asked us to send many people to three-day workshops and even waived the usual fees. We sent people from a wide range of ages, from twenty-one to fifty-five years old. So far we've sent sixty people to the workshops. Seven more will go tomorrow.

My my point of view, memos from the national headquarters are heavenly orders. The memos help me understand how I can fulfill the will of God. I believe these memos are as important as a human life is. If we do our best but fail, it's all right;

but if we don't try there must be something wrong with our attitude. So I always try to do what's asked.

From July 3, a clan representative Divine Principle seminar began in Cheongpyeong. I decided to work toward it. I set up a goal to bring seven people to this seven-day seminar and brought four.

It's a clan representative seminar, so I called those from the Kim clan, the Lee clan and those Parks whose family originated in Suncheon. I reported to God the seven people I thought I wanted to invite, who are my own flesh and blood. I called my elder brother who lives in Gyeongju. I said please come here by ten o'clock. We are going to go to Cheongpyeong tomorrow for a seminar. I called at 3:00 AM, and he arrived at my house at 11:00 PM the next day. What compelled him to come is a mystery to me. His attitude toward serving God is good.

I invited other people as well. I am able to bring four people this time. That makes thirty-two people for this series of seminars. I am trying to bring fourteen people to a seminar that will begin on September 14. Every seminar I send between one and six people. I work to invite seven or eight people. One church should send at least one guest. If a church can't send one person, the church leader should attend. There should be at least thirty people coming from each region. If not, the regional leader should attend.

Rev. Hwang saw the people at the seminar. He said people had come from every corner of Korea, but he wondered why so few had come. The clan seminars were to be held in two venues, but the number of guests was so low, he decided to combine the two seminars at one location. A hundred and forty people came. That's why they set up a system where the leaders will have to attend if they are unable to bring enough people. For the regional leader to have at least thirty people every church has to send at least one. I sent four people. I think this was possible because I set a lot of conditions.

I came to this church from the Ilsan church on June 1, 2001. This church suffered because the church leader and his wife got so involved in network marketing that they abandoned the mission. Because of the difficulties the members here were going through the regional leader asked me to take over this church. I took what he suggested as the word of God, and even though I feel inadequate to take on this mission, I thought I should fol-



This page: Members in 1957 during an outdoor service; Opposite page: Father speaks to members on the bank of the Han River

low. I depend on God.

When I arrived, I asked each family to bring a candle to church; about a hundred did. I wrote the family's names on the candles and when a family's candle burns out, they replace it. I pray for them. I did a one hundred-day condition, followed by a one hundred-day condition, which was followed by another one hundred-day condition. Then I did a one-thousand-day condition. Each morning, I wake a four o'clock and read Father's speeches until six o'clock.

I do sixty-two bows to True Parents, the True Children and the True Grandchildren, including Shin-il nim, all of Hyo-jin nim's children and Chung-mo nim, Dae-mo nim and Dae-hyung nim. I do one bow for each person. The total comes to sixty-one. I worry that I may have neglected to include someone, so I do sixty-two. When I did the one-thousand-day condition, it entailed doing a hundred and one bows a day.

There are thirty-two Christian churches in Seongnam, including the Full Gospel Church and the Presbyterian Church. I think I have to bring light to this area; I have to bring life here. I look at my life as a course of serving God by setting conditions. There are a million people in the Seongnam area. It's like a second Seoul, a mini-Seoul. When I start the day and I light a candle, I think that I am bringing bright light in the early morning to the one million citizens of Seongnam. I'm setting lots of conditions and building a foundation.

I have a very large table that I have driven long nails through from the bottom of the tabletop. On each nail, I put a candle. I first made it when I was the leader of the Ilsan church. When I transferred to Seongnam, I brought it with me. When I pray over the candles of Father, Heung-jin nim and Dae-mo nim, I read from Father's speeches and do other conditions. If I make more effort, I can accomplish more. I cling to God, so God comes with me. He has also kept me healthy.

Japanese-Korean Sisterhood

They recently held that twenty-ninth sisterhood ceremony in the JW Marriott Hotel. I have brought a hundred people to the sisterhood ceremonies there. I bring women there every week. When this was reported to the regional leader, he said it was the model of what every church in the

Forty Days in 1957



The first time I called for this special forty-day witnessing period was in 1957, a turning point in history. God's work is not done blindly but is done in relation to what is happening on earth. In 1957, the forty days began on July 20 and ended September 31. It is the hottest season, so that schools use that time for their summer break. During that period, we need to work hard and sweat. The heat can be helpful in our setting up indemnity conditions. It can turn an ordinary indemnity condition into something greater. That's why that period was chosen.

I organized the witnessing to a hundred and twenty towns and villages that year and sent people to witness there. I asked the members to work as if they were prisoners or as if you were employed by the community as a witnesser, which called them to show loyalty toward the community.

What should you teach? You should teach the way of loyalty, not only by speaking about it, but by living it. The townspeople will say that they want to absorb something from you. After every person in town has said something like that about you, you should settle there.

The church sent two hundred and forty people to a hundred and twenty places in 1957. They were not given any money other than the transportation fee. They had only two sets of clothes. I told them to do witnessing work and to eat powder that is used to make gruel for forty days. Start as laborers. Start from begging for food.

In Korea there was a lot of persecution, so we didn't say we are from Unification Church. We just went and cleaned and served in people's kitchens. Everybody woke up early in the morning and cleaned the town for a few hours. None of the townspeople knew who was doing that. A few months later they realized who had done it. They sweated more. They made themselves miserable, so that they could weep. They had to overcome miserable thinking.

They worked with only gruel to eat. The gruel wouldn't fill a cup. When we go on the forty-day witnessing campaign, it feels like a forty-day fast. After the members return, I give them food and they eat ravenously. My heart feels pity for them. The thought came to me that I was creating a group that could survive even if the rest of Korea were ruined.

From 1957, we organized it on the national level. We ate barley. Not only barley, we ate the scraps that would be given to dogs. We overcame in that way. Somebody whispered to me that he was so hungry he stole food from a dog. We started from the absolute bottom of human existence.

At that time in Korea, when we started witnessing, it was difficult to eat every day. To make enough money for a day including food was difficult. These were young people who sometimes staggered as they walked because they'd had so little to eat. We witnessed under those circumstances. In that pioneering period, a witnessing member would go to a town, and if he or she found work there, the local gossips would let it be known that the purpose of the person being there was just to make some money. That alone would cause antagonism. To effectively witness, they would work forty kilometers away from their assigned pioneer witnessing area. The people responsible to witness in the towns did not get money from headquarters. That's the story of those pioneers. They never spoke about what they had gone through when they first returned, but six months or a year later they would speak about their experiences and members would hear the details and wail with tears.◆

Translated from "True Parents' Life Course," Volume 3, pages 186-189

Rev. Park and his members sometimes work at community centers for the aged. This is a hoondok meeting.



region should be doing.

I hang a banner in the front of the church with the names of ambassadors for peace that we have brought to the seminars in Japan for prominent Korean citizens. People see their family name and then they see the other people who have attended one of those important seminars. From Seongnam, two hundred and fifty people have been to one of the Tokyo seminars. Last year, I began organizing them. I have brought in 40 percent so far. I invite them to attend our Sunday service. I have a good relationship with them and invite them to domestic events. If I don't manage them well, they'll disappear. I should harvest them. This is my mission. Because of my setting conditions, the local area is becoming brighter; despair is giving way to hope. If I don't take care of them, they will float away.

It is not easy to invite people to the Divine Principles that are focused on clans. After I get someone to a three-day workshop, I encourage them to go on to a seven-day workshop. I try to gauge the state of a person's heart and then recommend that they go to the longer workshop.

I have served here for five years. I have joined a number of local civic groups, such as the Gangwon Province Employees Association and the Gyeonggi Province People's Association. I am a member of six or seven groups. I pay the monthly fees and support them.

The church is not able to support these kinds of expenses. There are Japanese volunteers who have been very helpful in this area. There are forty-four Japanese wives of Korean men in our area. A leader among the Japanese women told them about the conditions I am doing. She is from the 777-couple blessing. She came here and worked with me for a week. She developed trust in me. She told the Japanese women that with more funding, this area would develop well. This group of Japanese women began donating to our church and it has been extremely helpful.

We sometimes entertain at community centers for old people. We provide food and other amenities. Each time it costs ₩100,000–150,000. In the borough of Sujeong, of which Seongnam is a part, there are sixty-three community centers for senior citizens. We visit the larger ones, where we put on a performance. I give a presentation on Father's plan for solving the problem of the division of Korea, and I explain Unification Thought, Godism, and the Divine Principle in a way that they can understand.

Soccer team has to prove God exists

Pak Kyu-nam is the chairman of Seongnam Ilhwa. Kim Hak-beom is the coach of the team, which has forty-five players. I report the name of each player to Heaven every day along with the names of the Seongnam blessed couples, their children and their in-laws.

On September 23 begins the second half of the K-league season. If Ilhwa wins, it will be the seventh time it has one the league title. Seven stars will be attached to the Ilhwa team. Rev. Hwang invited their fans for dinner at the Lotte Hotel, where he selected a fan club president. He said he wanted to activate the fans. He asked why there aren't more fans. From that point I was made the president of the fan club. There are four churches in Seongnam. As the fan club president I shout with all my heart at the games. When I watch the players, they appear to have little skill, but God is working with them. I draw a picture in my

mind and an Ilhwa player seems to follow it out and get a goal. I pray, Heavenly Father, mansei! True Parents, mansei! Dae-hyung nim, Dae-mo nim, please help. I wait for us to score a goal when we are losing. Every ten seconds there is an opportunity to change the direction of the game. We can win games in the final instant with the help of God.

I pray without disappointment when God helps. When we win, church leaders usually say it is not unusual. They say we win, because the Seongnam leader does a lot of conditions. When we lose they joke that perhaps the Seongnam leader's conditions were insufficient.

Public testimonies

I was asked to report about activities related to unification by the church headquarters. So I stood in front of church leaders and Korean national messiahs at the international training center in Sutek-ri. The church headquarters asked me to report in Yeosu about how I am able to receive support from Japanese volunteers. There were sixty people there when I spoke. I told them how much support we are getting from Japanese volunteers and what causes them to lend us their support. Little by little, they have sent ₩1 million, ₩1.2 million, ₩1.5 million. I report their names to Heaven every day with gratitude. I ask God that what they have given might contribute to the accomplishment of His will. I sent the Japanese volunteers a photo of this event and they were moved by this.

I focus on soccer, Korea-Japan women leaders' seminars, three-day workshops, seven-day workshops and the Ilhwa Cheonma soccer teams. Non-Korean wives were sent out to witness for these forty days. Korean church elders cooperated with the Japanese-Korean sisterhood ceremonies. Through those events we have been able to meet unmarried contacts. To invite people to the clan seminars I am organizing some clan meetings locally first.

Korea is swiftly becoming more leftist. People who experienced the Korean War worry about communism, but no alternative are offered and little hope exists. We have to prepare alternatives, and we have to prepare for unification. Would it be all right for the Korean War to recur? The only way for North and South Korea to survive is for them to follow Father.

Once we have the names of guests, we submit it to headquarters and they put them on a list of invited people. Sometimes at the last moment, though, I will meet someone and say, "Let's go to Cheongpyeong." That's a very valuable thing

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The absolute, good spirit world that gives you the confidence is there. Now, you have your ancestors who are already absolutely good. They only worry about God's providence. When you just make the effort to go out, they will take over for you. They will speak through you. So you can be successful. You will see; it's not the same as before. There's a lot more power. People feel different. It's not going to be like before—rejection and persecution. Such a different spirit world is there, so you can just go. The spirit world is there with you. Have confidence. This is the kind of thing she is saying.

Some members ask if True Parents are directly guiding the Cheongpyeong providence....

Everything we do here in Cheongpyeong is either instructed by True Parents or reported to them. True Parents, Dae-mo nim and Hoon-mo nim have a close personal relationship. They often have close personal exchanges. Only the closest in heart could ever think of building a palace. To me that is proof. Who would ever think of challenging themselves to build such a place?

Can you say something about your personal experience with Dae-mo nim?

She's very much an ordinary woman. She never, never acts like she's a VIP, although she is a very important person. Members can easily feel close to her. They can easily open up their hearts. And, you know, she would never let anyone go away if she felt they were not taken care of. That's the example of her love.

I don't know how she can do that! She's always smiling; she's always loving. People can feel her genuine love and care.



A woman in Taipei, Taiwan, in prayer during the Ancestor Liberation Ceremony on November 11, 2005

This is why people can open their hearts to her. When you are in a high position, you can easily come to have a certain attitude, but she's never like that. And she is the one who works the hardest. We go along comfortably, but while I'm sleeping, she's working. This is what actually brings her success.

When we travel, the things I look at and the things she is looking at are not the same. I'm always amazed at how she notices details.

She is actually a perfectionist at the same time. If you see inside her suitcase, everything is immaculate. Everything has to fit perfectly.

You mean she packs her own suitcase?

Oh, yes, yes. Everything is neat. She irons her own clothes. She doesn't let other people do it. No matter how tired she is, she takes care of her own hair. She always looks perfect.

Sometimes I try to help her, you know. Somehow I kind of squeeze in and help her and she's really appreciative of that. But she never asks, you know. The good thing is she does not let other people....she'd rather do it herself.

What kind of testimony do you receive from those who liberate their ancestors?

People really do see the effects of liberating their ancestors.

This is why they continue doing it. My husband is someone who pushes people to do their ancestor liberation; they always come back thanking him. Because when they meet their relatives after doing the ancestor liberation, the relatives act differently. They are much more friendly. The whole town turns out to welcome them. Some have experienced such a thing! That is why they believe something is really happening.◆

to do. Thirty minutes before leaving some people decide to go for a seven-day workshop. We have to be crazy. A certain sense of irrationality is good to always have when it comes to inviting people to seven-day workshops. In that way, I never feel I have reached a point where I should stop inviting people to a particular workshop.

Every Tuesday I go to the Marriott Hotel for the Japanese-Korean sisterhood ceremony at three o'clock. It finishes at nine o'clock. By the time I have brought my guest to their homes and returned to mine, it is midnight. I conduct three-day workshops. On Fridays I should call and visit people. I should send letters and buy watermelon to give to contacts when I go visiting.

I have to report my list of participants for three- and seven-day workshops. I have to report the list of people who have attended the sisterhood ceremonies. It is now a total of a hundred or a hundred and fifty. If it were fewer, if I could only report ten people, I feel I should make up the shortfall with my life.

If people respond well to the sisterhood ceremony, I send them to three-day workshops. If they are young and single, I send them to the North-South unification mountain hiking club. Nowadays I'm concentrating on the clan seminars, because that is True Father's focus.◆

Corrections

June 2006 issue: page 24 (the *bibimbap* photo), Shin-eh nim's name was misspelled; two other True Grandchildren were wrongly named: Shin-joong nim (not Shin-kwang nim), and Shin-bok nim (not Shin-goon nim).

August 2006 issue: page 7, top right photo is Shin-wol nim; page 16, second footnote should indicate that Chung's will contained a request to be buried on Mt. Geumgang; page 26, top right photo: the service project is in the Philippines, and was connected to the International Youth Leaders Congress (see page 27 in that issue).

We sincerely apologize for these errors.◆

The Three-Generation Speaking Tour: The True Family in Europe

Although the Schengen Treaty opened the way for unrestricted travel across the borders of its signatory European countries, the misapplication of a well-intended provision has, for more than a decade, prevented Father and Mother from bringing their message and love in person to most Western European nations. With the third UPF global speaking tour, however, members of the True Family have reached out to the hearts of some of these lonely nations. Hyun-jin nim led the energetic charge, speaking at the main venues in each European country. And in each country, the members have responded in support, going beyond national borders and challenging limitations to set the stage for twelve events. In these pages we are happy to include accounts from those who had this blessing and responsibility.

True Family Members in France: Generations, Tribes, Religions... Football

By Laurent Ladouce

In the future, we shall more fully understand the providential significance and impact of the twelve members of the True Family coming to France. As the event is still fresh, we can definitely see what had the most visible and immediate impact.

Three generations, sometimes four

The theme that seems to have appealed the most to our members and guests was the unity among three generations. A whole paragraph of the speech of the World Peace tour is entitled "a family of three generations living in harmony."

Many blessed families made efforts to substantiate those words and could sometimes gather three or even four generations of their clans. A lady who had received a leaflet in the street phoned our national headquarters to say how surprised she was to see this topic addressed so clearly. "I want to attend your event. I cannot believe that you are mentioning such values."

In Rennes, local blessed couples invited our speaker, In-sup nim, for dinner in a famous restaurant after the speech; this restaurant was founded by the great grandfather of the current owner. "My parents tried to stop the activity, because they became so tired. But the new manager was unable to maintain the spirit and tradition, and the business almost collapsed. Now, I work here full time, and my mother is so happy."

As Rev. Moon keeps saying, "I cannot

emphasize the importance of lineage enough."

The evangelist from Korea witnesses to her aunt in Brussels

Another topic that mobilized everyone was the topic of tribal messiahship. French tribal messiahs are mostly working in the provinces, but sometimes they don't have enough power to organize big events. The coming of the True Children and Grandchildren to twelve cities was the strongest incentive for them to work together. However, the most amazing experience involved one of our speakers, Mrs. Ji-yea nim, the beloved wife of Kook-jin nim. She had been assigned to Brussels in Belgium, included in this day for being a French-speaking city. During lunch, just prior to the event, we were greatly surprised to learn that Ji-yea nim's aunt (her father's sister) is married to a Belgian man and they are both living just south of the Belgian capital. Ji-yea nim called them by phone and they came and attended the event in the afternoon. How can you avoid tribal messiahship when someone

Shin-bok nim among members and guests at the conclusion of the event in Chartres, France, on September 9





Second and third generation members of the True Family during the third peace tour, led by True Mother; *Top (left to right): True Mother, Hyun-jin nim, Jun-sook nim, Shin-mi nim, Lee Hyung-jin nim, Ji-yea nim, In-sup nim; Bottom (left to right): Kim Young-jun, Shin-bok nim, Yeon-sun nim, Jin-hwa nim, Shin-sook nim, Hiroataka nim, Shiroi nim, Shin-il nim*

has traveled thousands of miles to give God's word to her aunt?

Migrants are a plus

A third topic that appeals to the French public opinion is inter-religious dialogue. On the one hand, France is a post-Christian, humanistic nation, as well as a strong advocate of separation between church and state; on the other hand, religion fascinates French people, and is one of the favorite topics in the French media. Magazines about religion have found a very unexpected market. It partly reflects the new sociological landscape, which is definitely multicultural. In a nation which happens to host the largest Muslim community in Europe as well as the largest Jewish community, where Buddhism is practiced by former Indochinese refugees as well as by a growing number of French people, where African evangelical churches are very successful in the poor areas of big cities, the agnostic descendants of Descartes and Voltaire are forced to remain alert: God is not dead everywhere! And colorful God-loving minorities have chosen to live in France and have come to love it. Some of the most amazing tributes to Rev. Moon come from these circles. Mr. Chamsamone Voravong, a man from Laos, is one of our most faithful ambassadors for peace. "Immigrants cannot be seen as a minus to a nation. They can also bring a plus and good values to the host nation. But who can teach this clearly? It is Rev. Moon, who teaches us a message of true love, which gives all of us duties as well as rights."

Pastor Joseph Binguimale, who warmly introduced Mr. Hyun-jin Moon in the main event in Paris, is doing this. He and his wife, both from the Central Africa Republic, have eight children. Persecuted by his own Baptist federation for being the first pastor in France to receive the blessing, he stood firm and personally gave the blessing to three of his children. The

blessing was for him the coronation of a life-long effort to build a model family in his host country, France. "In my city, I am not seen as black or as a minister. The mayor has often consulted me, as a citizen, about education. He knows my beliefs, but most of all, he knows the quality of our children. He believes that I can speak as a parent to other parents."

In a very moving gesture of goodwill, Imam Merroun, the most prominent ambassador for peace in France (he is the head of the biggest mosque in Europe, near Paris and is famous in France) decided to attend the smallest event, taking place in the afternoon in Chartres. The city is small but boasts one of the most beautiful cathedrals in Europe. There, he introduced Shin-bok Moon. A few hours later, Imam Merroun took a plane to Korea to attend the UPF conference sponsored by Shin-bok nim's grandparents.

Last but not least, football can be expected to be one of the favorite offstage topics of conversation when you welcome to your country the family of the people who founded the Peace Cup. In Strasbourg, Mr. Hyung-jin Lee passionately talked about this sport with members of the second generation.

When Shin-il Moon arrived in Lyons, Jean-Paul Chaudy, one of the founding members of IIPC in Korea asked him, "What do you know about Lyons?" I know about Olympique Lyonnais, of course."

The five-time champions of League One in France and two-time finalists in the Peace King Cup in Korea is a multicultural team, which is addicted to victories. After his speech in the afternoon, where he represented True Parents, Monsieur Shin-il Moon had an opportunity to attend a match in Gerland Stadium that Lyons won easily.

On September 9, the official motto of France was still "Liberty, equality and fraternity," but the motto of heart was a little different—"generations, tribes, religions, football." ♦

The Italian Experience: Milan & Padova

Milan

By Alberto Zoffili, UPF president, Milan

We all had a very beautiful experience; many of us met Hyun-jin nim for the first time. Our city of Milan was chosen to hold the main event in Italy, so we tried to do our best in the few days since we received notice of the tour. Other brothers and sisters throughout the nation were involved in preparation in their own cities.

All Milanese members immediately began preparations and putting together a possible program. We worked all together, with unity and support for one another; for many years nothing like this event has so galvanized our city.

On the day of the event, which started at 6:30 in the evening, many members had been at the hotel since morning to pray and prepare. The conference room was full by the time the program began.

The audience was around a hundred and sixty people. The opening invocation was given by the Venerable Dr. Lama Lobsang Lungrik from Tibet. Dr. Mohamed Danova, a Muslim leader in charge of interreligious dialogue and Islamic culture at the Milan Mosque offered introductory remarks. This expressed the true, interreligious spirit of our federation.

Two traditional Neapolitan songs, one of which was the famous "O sole mio," were sung by Prof. Sergio Cati, an ambassador for peace. We then held the Holy Wine Ceremony and the Holy Burning Ceremony. Recently, Father reconfigured our region; we have a new regional director, Rev. Pak Joong-hyun. He read the speech that Rev. Kwak gave during True Mother's last tour. This was followed by a video about the UPF inauguration and its activities.

All of this was preparation for our main speaker, our beloved brother Hyun-jin nim. Immediately, we could feel his joyful spirit, his kindness and his wisdom, as he started to explain the points he could find in common between Koreans and Italians. This uplifted and delighted everyone in the audience.

During the speech, which we followed in the booklets that

had been placed on all the chairs, he expressed strong enthusiasm to usher in a new era, the era after the coming of heaven. Several times he had to pause while applause rose from the audience, as the power of his speech rose in a crescendo until the conclusion of the speech.

We held the Blessing Ceremony; we shouted Mansei! and nominated five new ambassadors for peace.

The next day, many of us from Milan, plus several groups from other cities, attended hoondokhwae at a hotel near the airport, where we were able to interact in a more personal way with Hyun-jin nim and other members of the True Family.

Many of us had the impression that we were seeing True Father as a young man, even though Hyun-jin nim has his own style of conveying the significance of true love. At times, he called us "old blessed couples," but he said we were not really old at all, and he would like to have us all in the STF program. "Do you know," he asked, "who is the youngest person I know? It's True Father!" He was encouraging us to have the same passion and to believe in a better future, just as a child does.

We were so sorry he had to leave. Everyone was left full of joy and inspiration, united in the hope of seeing him again soon. ♦

Padova

By Elena Chirulli, a HARP member in Padova

First, a big welcome was given from Multi-ethnic Children's Choir of Padova. This choir was founded by the Women's Federation (WFWP) with the collaboration of the International Human Rights Federation. The mayor of Padova supports our project because the choir was founded to bring children of every nationality together, teaching them peace through the universal language of music.

In addition, Father Aldo Natale Terrin, a Catholic priest, and professor of the history of religion at the University of Milano and Urbino, spoke well about Father's efforts to build a world of peace.

Everyone felt warm inside, and the atmosphere was very beautiful.

In Padova there are only thirteen blessed families, so for us this event was a success, even though we did not have time to prepare for it better. This was an important event for the second-generation members from Padova: we saw Shin-bok Moon as a young True Father teaching us the value of true love and family. ♦



Hyun-jin nim with Italian National Leader Giuseppe Cali during hoondokhwae



Shin-bok nim at the conclusion of the program in Padova

Where Hearts And Bakeries Open Early

By Remy and Janet Vollmer

On September 9, we were very happy to welcome Lee Hyung-jin nim¹ to Strasbourg, as part of the historical third-generation speaking tour. It was an unimaginable privilege for us to receive a visit from a member of the True Family, especially as there are only a few blessed families in our region.

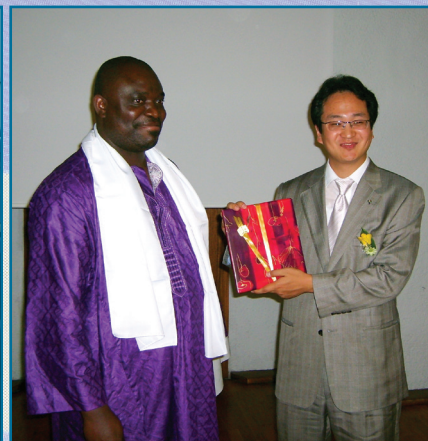
Strasbourg is a small but important city for Europe. It is a seat of the European Parliament (together with Brussels); the European Council and the European Court of Human Rights. It is also geographically central, bordering on Germany, and close to Switzerland.

Mr. Lee was immediately very warm and personable, and interested in the members and the region. He was especially concerned with those in our second generation; he spent some time sightseeing and sharing a meal with a group of them after the event. The following morning, he chose to come to our apartment for hoondokhwa, and (with the able translation of Geros Kunkel) spoke to us, fifteen in total, about his experiences with the True Family and principles of spiritual life and relationship with God.

Afterward, we decided to share a typical French breakfast of croissants and baguettes. Amazingly, we found an open bakery in our village at 6:15 AM on Sunday morning. The baker told us she normally opened after 7:00, but had been unable to sleep and had opened early!

Hyung-jin nim's visit was a great inspiration to all of us. He created a very warm and relaxed atmosphere and even took

1 He was born before the youngest son of True Parents. Generally, True Parents do not wish members to use the True Children's names.



Top Right: Lee Hyung-jin nim gave everyone a big hug before leaving for the airport; **Top Left:** Pr. Claude Biyoudi gives a gift to Mr. Lee; **Bottom:** After hoondokhwa around a typical French breakfast in our apartment

time to sit on the bed in the children's room and chat about football with them. We really felt he was our older brother, who brought a spirit of encouragement and many words of wisdom to us. We felt it truly marked a new beginning for our families and our region. ♦

The Frankfurt community with Shin-sook nim (center, in a black dress) at the conclusion of the event on September 7, 2006



Light in Eastern Europe



AN INTERVIEW

After the collapse of communism as a world power, the small nation of Albania on the Adriatic Sea reemerged into the international community. Largely hidden from the rest of the world for four decades under a reclusive and xenophobic communist regime, Albania and its people were captive to fear, poverty and spiritual oppression. In 1967 came the announcement in the domestic press that Albania had become the first atheist nation in the world.

Yet within this prison of a country, God worked to touch the hearts of good people—people who would later initiate a revolution in the opposite direction. One of these is Gani Rroshi, our FFWPU national leader in Albania, whom we interviewed this summer.



dictator had closed all the churches and mosques, and destroyed many. Those he did not destroy were transformed into warehouses and the like. There is a whole generation, from 1967 until 1990, that grew up without religion. Religion was called an opiate for the nation. A whole generation—my generation—was born in that environment, where religion was discriminated against. Although it may seem strange to say, I can say that there was a positive side to this. As we see today, adherents of the traditional faiths have so much difficulty understanding Father’s teachings. This is because of their traditional beliefs, or fundamental beliefs. People have so much difficulty going beyond their own teachings and accepting something new.

Today’s World: Can you explain the growth of the Albanian movement despite the fact that your nation was until recent years a very strongly communist nation?

Gani Rroshi: It is true that among communist regimes in Europe, Albania was the strongest. We can compare it with today’s North Korea. Twenty-one years ago in 1985, Enver Hoxha, the dictator who had ruled for forty years, passed away. His successor maintained the basic ideology but slowly began to make changes.

Due to the forty years of the communist regime, Albania had become a nation without a religious foundation. The

When and how did our movement take root in Albania?

The first missionaries came in 1992-1993. They were European members, and they came for a short time.¹ They had a hard time getting into the country and staying there.

¹ After Father returned from the Moscow conference and meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev in 1990, he created a sisterhood between Western and Eastern European nations and instructed that the resources of the movement in the wealthier Western nation be shared with its Eastern counterpart. Albania was twinned with Switzerland. That same year, Swiss brothers went to Kosovo, then an Albanian region of Yugoslavia and in 1992 moved to Tirana, Albania.

Left: Giving the certificate of completion for the first 15-day Divine Principle workshop; Right: During the workshops, we held morning inspiration at the top of a hill





In 1994 Father sent ten Japanese sister missionaries to each country, and Rev. Kim Byeng-chul came from Korea. He was out first national leader; he stayed until 1999. The Japanese sisters did some wonderful work: They legally incorporated the Women's Federation and the Family Federation. Our first full-time members emerged in 1995: there were two. By 1998 we had seven.

How did you reach people's hearts?

Of course a lot of denominations are working hard in Albania as they have found people who are interested...but the youth do not have a strong religious foundation. You can talk freely about God. If you can find people who are moved, they receive the truth with heart, without concepts. Some of our members have many concepts, however, due to their past lives of faith!

The main teaching of True Parents and our movement is about the family, and how to raise a true family. In this sense,

Albanian tradition fits exactly with True Parents' teachings. So it is very easy to talk with Albanians about family and they appreciate that. The family is very important in Albania. The Albanian family tradition may even be the strongest in Europe. Of course, changes are occurring nowadays. There is a basis upon which you can talk about the family, however.

You speak English so well despite the restrictions imposed by the communist government. How is this so?

The answer is that the family is the cornerstone. In the family, parents really take care of their children, investing for their education, even enduring suffering themselves, so that their children can get the right education and a position in society.

The Albanian language is unique. It has thirty-six letters. Albanians tend to be able to speak other languages. For example, eighty percent of our young people can speak Italian because they watch Italian TV.

Top: On the second UPF tour, True Mother, Kook-jin nim and Ji-yea nim at Congress Hall in Tirana, Albania's capital, on July 7, 2006; Below Left: There is a demand for continual lectures; Below Right: A group photo at the end of the 15-day workshop



How has your outreach work developed since the beginning times?

Since the time of Missionary Kim Byeng-chul, we began to meet a lot of VIPs.

His meeting with President Rexhap Meidani just after the elections (1997), was historic; our national messiah² held the blessing ceremony for him and his wife in his office. He held the full blessing ceremony: the holy wine ceremony, the holy water, the benediction—every step was included.

He is now a member of the UPF Global Peace Council. He gave the introductory speech last year for True Father when he came.

In 2000, we sent Mr. Gaqo Apostoli, who is a member of parliament, to America for one of our conferences. We began to work with him increasingly closely, and in 2001, on the initiative of then continental director Sa Kwang-kee, he arranged a visit of a twenty-five-strong delegation of Albanian dignitaries to Korea. The head of the delegation was our Speaker of the Parliament. It was a very high-level delegation.³ In Korea, the organization was really very well done.

What is your current work, looking to the future?

We have been focusing on witnessing, in order to strengthen our grassroots foundation. At the same time, we are working a lot with leaders in society; we have sent such leaders to our international conferences—for example, the UPF conferences and European-level seminars. Last year we reached out to about three hundred leaders in society prior to True Parents' visit to Albania. However, in contrast, our main focus has been on youth education.

How do you witness to young people? How do you educate them?

We have continued to witness on the street. We have seven centers in Albania. In some centers they do not need to active-

2 Rev. Cho Young-shik

3 The delegation visited not only locations connected with our movement and business foundation but also some of the largest Korean companies.

ly go out to witness at all because the guests bring their own friends along, or people come through hearing a recommendation. The centers are constantly full and they have to give lectures all day long.

So we witness on the street; we do service activities, and we go to the schools to give lectures about pure love.

Now we have around forty full time members.

That's a huge increase percentage-wise in a few years.

Yet it is a challenge to keep and increase our numbers, however, particularly with regard to the financial situation of our centers and the members themselves. We are working hard and praying to solve this.

What is in your mind and heart as national leader?

My personal feeling is that I can never do enough, and whatever I do, I never do it in the best way! When you are in a higher position, it is a higher level of responsibility.

I find it difficult that I cannot provide for members most of the time. Some can and some cannot make it through the challenges—especially financial.

And also the blessing. If your partner breaks the blessing, it is very hard to carry on. You connect the blessing with your faith in True Parents. You connect the person you are blessed with to those ideas and ideals. If he or she turns out to be unprepared and goes against the Principle, the remaining partner can lose touch with the value of the Principle. Our



Right: A commemorative photo following the second Ambassador for Peace Symposium March 9-12, 2006; Left The "graduation ceremony" from that symposium, where Ambassadors for Peace received their certificates



Rev. and Mrs. Song and Mr. Hydajet Hyseni, an Ambassador for Peace from Kosovo

spouse is given by God and True Parents directly; then if he or she gives up.... It means you have to die, and then begin again. Having experienced that I can understand some of our members. Without going through that experience one cannot understand the heart of it. I always remember Father's course, not just the blessing but everything else; he wanted to experience everything from the lowest level to the highest so that he could understand the heart of the people.

Your work has inspired many new ambassadors for peace....

By last year we were already working with ambassadors for peace. About a year ago we created a national committee for ambassadors for peace prior to any instructions for this. We had a lot of contacts, many of whom had been through the European symposia. So we had wanted to create that kind of committee. We asked Mr. Apostoli to be its chairman, and we began to have meetings once a month or so. We were discuss-

ing the international activities of IIFWP.

Then the direction came for each nation to create a [national-level] peace council. So we met with our committee and just explained the new name for the committee, and that it would be composed of ten people.

What kind of people make up the committee?

Mr. Apostoli is the chairman; there is one university president; we have a former city mayor; the deputy minister for culture and tourism, the former secretary-general of the ministry for youth, culture and sport; a former mufti, a former city official; and so forth.

What does the committee actually do?

We meet every two weeks. We would discuss who could be invited to attend our seminars. Then we decided to have a national symposium. This was in mid-October last year. One hundred VIPs attend, and we appointed ninety new ambassadors for peace; this became the cornerstone for the preparations for True Mother to come to Albania two weeks later (October 30). The ambassadors for peace offered wonderful support. Mother was welcomed on the national level, and it was through the ambassadors for peace that we could arrange a meeting with the president.

This is testimony to the ambassador for peace concept. You would not have been able to arrange such a meeting yourself!

No indeed! The morning before Father left Albania, we had breakfast with him. I brought the chairman of the national peace council, Mr. Apostoli. We have been giving him various challenges. He had to make a full bow in front of True Father. Because I did it, he had to. It was not easy for him, but he did it. Father said, "You have to educate two thousand people and make them ambassadors for peace; and two thousand young people."

What was his response?

Mr. Apostoli took this very seriously. Father supplied money for this education. After making a plan and schedule, we began the task of bringing one thousand people to a three-day seminar during the course of this year.



You could find people to become ambassadors for peace?

When we brought the idea to the Peace Council, everyone on the council wanted to be very strict in nominating ambassadors for peace. It was their view that not just anyone could be an ambassador for peace. We felt a bit difficult over this because the general direction was that anyone could be an ambassador for peace if he or she accepts the Principle and leads a life for the sake of others. But they wanted the level to be high.

I did not tell them about the direction that anyone could be an ambassador for peace, or the direction that, by True Parents' Birthday, one month away, we had to find thirty times as many ambassadors for peace as there are members of parliament in the country. If we had tried to follow that, we would have lost their understanding and appreciation for the position of ambassador for peace. So, actually, we could not really follow that direction. But the continental director confirmed for us that Albania's unique situation meant that we did not need to worry.

Can you briefly describe how you ran the seminars?

Our first symposium was in March. From then until June this year we have held six symposia. It was very tough—two symposia per month, with ten days or two weeks in between each one. Our goal was to bring one hundred participants to each. At first we just gave the numbers to the Peace Council and asked them to invite that appropriate number of people. The level of the participants was very high – basically almost all the university presidents in the nation are ambassadors for peace. A lot of professors, academics, NGO leaders are ambassadors for peace. We also started to involve our members and asked them to bring important leaders from their cities. After we had held three seminars, it started to become relatively easy.

Three of these symposia were covered by national television, with twenty minutes' coverage for each of them. After that, the idea of being an ambassador for peace became well known. To be an ambassador for peace was now something really significant, and people were asking, wanting to come. In one of the conferences we planned to have 120, but in the end we had 160 participants. We were lucky that the hotel had space.

So we have had six symposia so far – a total of seven hundred and fifty participants, and I think some five hundred and fifty were appointed as ambassadors for peace. Those who came once wanted very much to come a second time. So we made a policy: the level of participation should be 80 percent first timers and 20 percent those who had already participated. They could be members of the Peace Council (who could offer support to the seminar) or very Abel-type participants who could benefit from participating a second time. Even members of parliament are attending these symposia.

Government personnel are supporting an NGO that works for the good of the nation. What's next?

With European Regional Director Song's encouragement we have begun a Balkan Peace Initiative. We decided to hold symposia in Kosovo⁴ for participants from both Albania and Kosovo. We brought around forty leaders from Albania and among them we had thirteen members of parliament and our former president Dr. Rexhap Meidani (who spoke at the first session of the conference in Seoul this June).

From Kosovo, fourteen members of parliament attended; altogether we were about a hundred. It was very successful. After Kosovo, we decided to hold symposia for youth leadership in Albania, again working with our ambassadors for peace. From May 18 to 21, we held a symposium for a hundred youth leaders in Macedonia. We also had a symposium for ambassadors for peace at the beginning of June, also attended by one hundred leaders in society.

Gani kindly added the following final note a couple of days before the three-generation True Family tour reached Albania:

On the seventh of July we welcomed True Mother and Kook-jin nim at the Congress Hall. Although the hall was not absolutely full, the event was a success. True Mother was really happy.

After the event with True Mother and Kook-jin nim, we had the first of two fifteen-day Divine Principle workshops from July 12 to 27, in which some forty new brothers and sisters participated. It was one of the most successful workshops we have ever had, and at its conclusion twenty-two

brothers and sisters joined the forty-day summer mobilization. From August 7 we began a second fifteen-day Divine Principle workshop with around twenty-four new guests. At the end of the second workshop more young members mobilized and joined the witnessing campaign, which resulted in a total of five teams with a total of thirty-three members.

Now that we received the great news that three generations of the True Family are coming to Albania on September 12, which coincides with the first anniversary of the founding of UPF, all brothers and sisters are mobilizing to the different cities where the events are to be held.

We are confident we can make it a great success and really want to unite with the True Parents of Heaven and Earth and inherit the heavenly fortune coming from the unity of three generations of their family.◆



A fund raising team from one of the 15-day workshops

⁴ Kosovo is an autonomous republic in southwest Serbia with an ethnic Albanian population of about two million.

Delving More Deeply into Father's Heart

The Advent of Cheon Seong Gyeong

By Julian Gray

The translation and publication of Cheon Seong Gyeong (天聖經) has been the most ambitious translation project ever undertaken in relation to the words of our True Father. This was a project of biblical proportions, with translators and editors striving both in Korea and in their native countries to capture the depths and complexity of Father's discourse and prepare books, beautifully bound, to present to Father and Mother at the palace entrance ceremony on June 13 this year. And it continues, with new languages joining the project every week.

Cheon Seong Gyeong brings together selections from Father's speeches given since 1956—fifty years ago. These have been organized into a single volume of, in the English, 2,500 pages divided into sixteen books.

Up to now, the work has been printed in English, French, Spanish, Romanian, Ukrainian, Mongolian, Thai, Chinese, and Taiwanese Chinese. It is now being translated into some thirty other languages, though some of these are right at the very beginning. Father has explained Cheon Seong Gyeong as follows:

"This is the holy book for the Kingdom of Heaven. In *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, the word *cheon* consists of the Chinese characters meaning two (二) and people (人). When you think of who the two central people in a family are, you think of the husband and wife. The separation of heaven and earth came about because a husband and a wife in the Garden of Eden lost the way to love. Therefore, in order for heaven and earth to reach completion, these two people (天) must follow the holy (聖) way (經) in which they must love completely. This way is elucidated in Cheon Seong

Gyeong." He added, "Cheon Seong Gyeong defines the way for two people to walk towards holiness; this way is none other than the family."

To each era of His providence, God has given His word. Father has indicated that Cheon Seong Gyeong contains the word for the era of God's Kingdom of Cheon Il Guk; that is, Cheon Seong Gyeong is a foundation, internally speaking, for the establishment of the new heaven and earth under God's direct dominion. Hence the timing of its emergence.

If one wants to make a comparison with the Bible, it would be an equivalent of the earliest printed edition, which has special providential and historical significance.

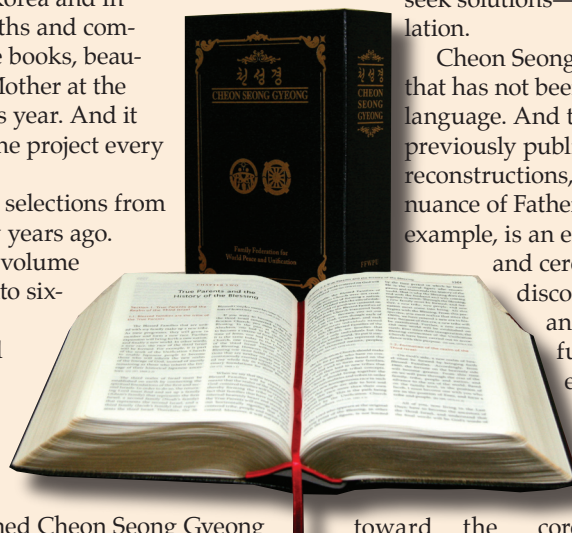
The work to translate and edit demanded a reassessment of the way many of the concepts Father addresses are expressed in English. Cheon Seong Gyeong thus creates a virtual university of study material, poses challenging questions and demands us to seek solutions—in the areas of both theology and translation.

Cheon Seong Gyeong carries a lot of new material that has not been adequately represented in the English language. And there are interesting retranslations of previously published material that offer more literal reconstructions, and thus more intimately reveal the nuance of Father's thinking and feeling. Included, for example, is an entire book on blessed family etiquette and ceremonies, and a book devoted to Father's discourse on the Family Pledge and guidance on the content we regularly pledge to fulfill. All of Father's emotions are present, from the wrathful to the tender and compassionate.

Cheon Seong Gyeong was not created to be a flowery summary of Father's basic teachings. It strives more toward the core and is somewhat untamed; one might say it is more for the seasoned practitioner than for the novice, but there many passages offering touching insight to whosoever might be reading.

The words of Cheon Seong Gyeong express True Parents' lifelong experience of the sorrowful heart of God, and of the painful history of the providence of restoration. As such, they contain eternal guiding principles for our own lives.◆

To obtain a copy of Cheon Seong Gyeong, please contact your national headquarters



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enced in teaching Korean as a second language. She taught at Sun Moon University before and uses their teaching materials, which are really excellent. We have fifteen hours a week, which is divided between morning and evening classes, so you really get intensive language training while you are here. Even somebody my age (I am 59) can pick it up, no problem.

How about the food and living arrangements?

The dorms are very modern and nice, with three students to a room for the younger students; for people like me they give a private room. The food is very nice, better and more variety than at the Cheongpyeong training center. Sometimes we even have eggs, bread and jam for breakfast! All the staff really work hard to help you get your visa sorted out, they take you to the Immigration Office and walk you through everything. It seems like a dream come true to finally be able to live in Korea, learn the language and get a degree here all at the same time!

Is it expensive?

Well, each student is a different case, but even if you have to pay for everything, it is cheaper than in the USA. They seem sensitive to the expense of traveling here and take that into account when calculating things. They are also open to negotiation if you are having a problem in making a payment by a certain date.

Anything else you would like to add?

Since this is a new program, a lot of members are unaware of it as an option, but as word gets around, I know it is going to fill up very fast. So I would encourage anyone interested in either their Masters Degree or PhD to communicate their interest as soon as possible; or better yet to come and take a look at these beautiful facilities in such beautiful surroundings, looking out over the mountains. It really is such a privilege to be here!◆

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